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Editorial of the Month

Why Summer Missionary Conferences?

DURING July and August, as in many previous years, a number of Summer Missionary Conferences will be held in various sections of the Church. Hundreds of young people will attend as delegates from various missionary societies and other organizations in the respective congregations. These conferences constitute a fair representation of the youth of our Church—a cross section of the choice leaders in our Churches. Here is afforded a fine opportunity for mutual acquaintance, for good fellowship, as well as for intensive study of the missionary enterprise. Text books on a variety of themes touching on Missions will furnish the base for study. Methods will be properly discussed and inspirational addresses will be delivered. No one can attend these conferences without receiving a better insight into the work of Missions, at home and abroad, and without having one's vision greatly enlarged. Delegates who may be appointed by their local societies should regard it a great privilege to spend a week in the atmosphere created by these conferences. Great care, however, should be taken so that the proper delegates may be selected. This is necessary not only for the sake of the conferences, but particularly for the sake of the congregations which these delegates represent.

The conferences are intended to be training schools, normal schools, where folks are taught how to do things. The conferences are means to an end. They are not regarded as ends in themselves. The idea is that the conferences are to teach these delegates how to go back to their local congregations and there set up a program along the lines indicated at the conferences. The conferences are demonstration centers. Therefore it is not required that an exhaustive study of a mission study text book, for instance, should be made. It is enough if the leader or teacher of a class shows the pupils how such a book is to be studied, how a missionary program that is vital and stimulating may be set up in the local congregations. The purpose is to prepare these delegates to become effective leaders in behalf of Missions in their respective congregations. Too often here is where we fail. The delegates do not carry home and apply what they receive at these conferences. Consequently, the inspiration and information soon evaporates and the process must be repeated from year to year.

If, however, the proper purpose of the conferences can be fully realized, as above suggested, there is no limit to the beneficial results which may accrue therefrom. By this method we shall soon be rearing a new generation in our churches that will be thoroughly imbued with the missionary spirit and passion. This is our greatest need today. We are confronted by the sad and startling fact that the present generation is not aglow with the missionary spirit. Its lack of interest is largely due to lack of proper information, and this faltering interest is registering itself in a decline of giving to the cause of Missions. The rising generation is not only coming into leadership in our churches, but is also coming into possession of the wealth of the country. If, therefore, the new generation is to function effectively in the work of Missions, it is imperative that it be trained in the basic and fundamental principle underlying the missionary enterprise. The whole thing is largely a matter of education. If two thousand picked leaders sit together for a week or more at these conferences and go back to their homes, they can vitalize two thousand congregations in behalf of Missions. We have only 1700 congregations in the Reformed Church. Everyone of them might thus be lifted to a new plane of interest and service, provided the conferences do not fail in their task and provided the delegates know what to do and do it when the conferences are over.

CHARLES E. SCHAEFFER.

The Quiet Hour

Julia Hall Bartholomew

I am with thee, and no man shall set on thee to hurt thee.—Acts 18: 10.

There is a very intimate connection between clean clothes and clean souls.

—Harris E. Kirk.

There is an inmost center in us all,
Where truth abides in fulness; and around
Wall upon wall the gross flesh hems it in.

—Robert Browning.

There is but one discipline possible in a true church, and that is submission to the authority of Christ.

—John Gardner.

Love is our only reliance today in the extension of that kingdom to those parts of the world that we call foreign, and that we sometimes injudiciously speak of as heathen.

—Charles Wood.

Who seeks for heaven alone to save his soul
May keep the path, but will not reach the goal;
While he who walks in love may wander far,
Yet God will bring him where the blessed are.

—Henry van Dyke.

"Lord when Thou
Puttest in my time a day, as Thou dost now,
Unknown in other years, grant, I entreat,
Such grace illume it, that whate'er its phase
It add to holiness, and lengthen praise!"

The supreme aim of every church creed maintained in all Christendom should be only this—this and nothing more—just to tell who Jesus Christ is, where He proposes to lead, how men can go along with Him.

—The Continent.

Do you know the great song of life—the psalm of righteousness and of love and of truth and of beauty? Jesus Christ can teach that to you, and Jesus Christ only. Learn it, and sing it, and then teach others to sing it!

—Henry Hallam Tweedy.

The consecration of all to our Master, far from lessening our power to impart, increases both our power and our joy in ministration.

—J. Hudson Taylor.

Only spiritual foundations of truth and righteousness and brotherhood will really exalt the nations and consolidate the world so that it will hold together and weather all storms.

—James H. Snowden.

You and I do not know anything about cross bearing when we are merely suffering. That is not the cross. We touch the cross when we begin so to act, so to live, so to serve, so to give, as that we are suffering loss in order that others may gain. That is the cross.

—G. Campbell Morgan.

It is not the closet which men see. It is not a man's secret, personal, religious life which the world understands and praises. Yet it is in the closet that the roots of his life grow. And if the roots be not nourished, then the tree will soon die.

—J. R. Miller.

The Christian does not need to be bothered by the troubles of life or fretted by its disappointments. Resting in God, he can rise above his surroundings. As the Psalmist puts it, "His soul shall dwell at ease," or, in the words of the margin of King James' version, "shall lodge in goodness."

—John T. Faris.

The Prayer

GRACIOUS Father in Heaven, guard us in those points of our characters that are most weak. Keep us from vanity and pride, from evil thoughts, and from unkind speech. Help us to love Thee with all our hearts and to cordially love one another. Aid us as we try to serve Thee by ministering to our fellowmen. And grant us at last a home with Thee in Heaven, through our Saviour, Christ. Amen.

—Jesse Thompson Whitley.

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OUR MOTTO: *The Church a Missionary Society—Every Christian a Life Member*

Expanding Fields of Service at Home and Abroad

CHARLES M. LE GALLEY

THE teeming millions of India; Magyars in our midst; Japan, throwing off Medieval feudalism and stretching her newly-tried Western legs; the poverty of those real Americans, the Winnebago in Wisconsin; China, with her century-old heritage, stirring to the awakening prod of world contacts; Ozark Mountain folk, victims of isolation; Honduras, where the culture of Spanish conquistadores mingles with that of Indian sun-worshippers; Japanese in California, whose features look back to the Orient, but whose thoughts, habits and speech merge with those of the West; Iraq, new among nations, but with a history dating back to the earliest records of mankind; to these and many other peoples and nations, the missionary interests of the Evangelical and Reformed Church reach out to ever-expanding horizons at home and abroad.

Opportunity to study the entire missionary enterprise of the united Church is offered at the denominational Missionary Conferences and Training Schools to be held this summer. Eight schools in attractive surroundings, placed at strategic points in the different synods, make it possible for every church to be represented. Leaders in missionary organizations, church schools and young people's groups will find in each school a program well adapted to their needs, a fellowship such as can be had only in a group meeting for a common purpose, and inspiration that will mean much not only in personal enrichment but also in preparation for tasks that lie ahead.

The themes for study this year are, in the field of Foreign Missions, "The New Church Facing New World Horizons", and in the field of Home Missions, "Expanding Fields of Service in Home Missions". Texts have been prepared by Dr. A. V. Casselman, Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions, and Dr. Charles E. Schaeffer, Secretary of the Board of Home Missions. Dr. Casselman's book, "The End of the Beginning" presents the history of the work of the Reformed Church abroad, the present scope of the missions in Japan, China and Iraq, and a challenge for the future. This material will be augmented in the courses offered by materials presenting the fields of the former Evangelical Synod in India and Honduras. Dr. Schaeffer's book, "Beside All Waters", outlines in similar manner the part played by Home Missions in building the Church here in America, and deals with the contribution of Home Missions in fostering mission churches, and reaching foreign-speaking people and underprivileged groups within the borders of the United States.

Dr. Casselman, recently returned from his visit to Japan and China, will be present at a majority of the conferences and schools to bring first hand knowledge of the work in the Orient. Missionaries on leave from these two fields as well as from India and Iraq will be among other leaders. Representatives of the mission in the Ozark highlands of Missouri and of the work among the Winnebago Indians in Wisconsin are also to participate in several of the programs. The President of the Christian Youth Council of North America, a young Negro, will lead a study of the Negro in America at two of the conferences. Each school will offer opportunity for contacts with some of these workers from the fields at home and abroad.

Leaders will find at most of the schools not only courses designed primarily as an aid to the presentation of study materials in their own organizations during the coming year but also courses from the general Leadership Training curriculum such as a study of worship, methods of working with specific age groups, studies of the Bible, religious drama and other elective courses.

Delegates for the summer conferences should be chosen and registered early. Registrations may be sent to the following: *Frederick and Collegeville,* to the Department of Missionary Education, 904 Schaff Building, 1505 Race St., Philadelphia, Pa.; *Shady Side,* to Rev. E. Roy Corman, 909 Rebecca Ave., Wilkinsburg, Pa.; *Catawba,* to Rev. H. C. Kellermeyer, 211 E. Depot St., Concord, N. C.; *Hanover,* to Rev. H. W. Baumer, 1046 Lynnhurst Ave., Louisville, Ky.; *Tiffin,* to

Rev. J. Eugene Youngen, 146 E. North St., Wooster, Ohio; *Mission House*, to Prof. E. Traeger, R.F.D. No. 3, Plymouth, Wis.; and *Dunkirk Family Week*, to Rev. Theodore Mayer, 174 Schenk St., North Tonawanda, N. Y.

The conference dates are as follows:

Shady Side Academy, Pittsburgh, Pa.,
July 6 to July 16
Catawba College, Salisbury, N. C.,
July 12 to July 17
Hanover College, Hanover, Ind.,
July 12 to July 18
Hood College, Frederick, Md.,
July 18 to July 24
Ursinus College, Collegeville, Pa.,
July 25 to July 31
Heidelberg College, Tiffin, Ohio,
July 27 to August 8
Family Week, Dunkirk, N. Y.,
Conference Grounds, August 1 to August 8
Second Family Week, Dunkirk, N. Y.,
August 8 to August 15.
Mission House College, Plymouth, Wis.,
August 10 to August 16

REFORMED MISSIONARY CONFERENCE

DELEGATES AT A RECENT MISSIONARY CONFERENCE AT HOOD COLLEGE

A Letter from Miss Weil

Shenchow, Hunan, China,
March 25, 1936.

Dear Friends:—

A young Bible woman recently graduated from Bible school was sent to the Sui-Pao field in November to help to "build up in the faith" the 35 women members and try to win others to Christ.

After much prayer the Bible woman, Chang Sz Yuin, was assured that Sui-Pao was the place where the Lord wanted her to work.

The first test came through difficulty in travel—instead of five or eight days it took her twenty-seven days to make this journey of ninety miles by cargo boat. Military movements and high water caused the delay.

Upon arrival at Paotsing the 35 women members preferred an older woman as their leader and openly showed their preference. The evangelist, the deacons and elders appealed to two of us in evangelistic work in Shenchow to help. Again after much prayer letters were written and in time peace was enjoyed in Paotsing church and consistory.

While praying for her sister, Mrs. Peng remembered a story she had read about "Bean Sprouts," illustrating Luke 14: 27, or "Bearing Your Own Cross."

The story of making bean sprouts is as follows:—

The beans are put into a big tub, then thoroughly saturated with water and covered with a wooden cover; on top of the cover is placed a *very heavy stone* which is kept on the beans until the sprouts are ready for market. The heavier the stone the more tender, fat and palatable the vegetable becomes. Mrs. Peng remembered that God's grace has always been sufficient in difficult times in her own life and was able to praise God and say, "My sister must depend upon strength beyond her own to carry this heavy cross. In walking with Him she will learn to know Him and the power of His resurrection. Sz Yuin will some day have very tender bean sprouts to enjoy!" (That is, meat to eat that ye know not of unless ye know Him.)

MINERVA S. WEIL.

Home Missions

CHARLES E. SCHAEFFER, EDITOR

A Wise Woman

AT a recent missionary meeting in Ohio, the General Secretary made an appeal for annuity bonds for the Board of Home Missions. The following day a woman who had heard the address asked for a conference and offered a thousand dollars to establish an annuity for herself. A few days later the Treasurer of the Board received her check for that amount. Now, just what does this mean for this woman? She is a maiden lady, seventy years of age. She has saved a little money for old age. But where could she invest with safety a thousand dollars and be assured of an income the rest of her life? She could have bought bonds or stocks or a mortgage or other securities, but she might not have gotten six per cent interest on her investment—besides she might have lost the principal itself and would have had no income from the same. At her death the State would have gotten a large percentage as inheritance tax. So she wisely decided to invest this thousand dollars with the Board of Home Missions and assure herself of an income without any further concern or expense. Furthermore, she had in mind after her death to establish two Church-building Funds, one for her parents, and another for herself and her sister. Now, by establishing this annuity she is accomplishing her purpose also with respect to these Church-building Funds, and her mind can be at perfect ease. She can see her money at work in the Church, her plans are fulfilled, she is provided with an income, and the Board has profited thereby. Let others follow her example.

A Twenty Thousand Club

NOT twenty thousand dollars—but twenty thousand members of the Reformed Church who will give a dollar a month for ten months to pay the debt of the Board of Home Missions in its general account. The deficit of the Board in its current account is $197,245.26. This includes the long overdue salaries to its missionaries and other obligations. By the above plan $200,000 will be realized, and these pressing obligations will be paid and the Board will be in a position to merge with the Board for Home Missions of the Evangelical Synod. There are 350,000 members in the Reformed Church—surely there are 20,000 among them who have the interests of Home Missions close enough at heart to contribute a dollar a month for ten months for this purpose. The effort has scarcely as yet been launched but one member of the Board has already sent in his check for ten dollars, as payment for one month, with nine others of a like amount to follow. Another minister of our Church has pledged the same. There remain only 19,980 more to be secured. Full details of the plan and how to work the same will be issued in due time. Dr. John C. Horning has been appointed by the Board to direct this special effort.

Notes

LAST March Rev. and Mrs. J. Mori left San Francisco on a slow freighter on a mission to Japanese people at Sao Paulo, Brazil. On Sunday, April 19th, Mrs. Mori died on board ship and the next day was buried at sea. Their daughter, Mitsu, is a student at Heidelberg College, Tiffin, Ohio. The sympathy of the whole Church goes out to Brother Mori and daughter in this sad bereavement which has come into their lives.

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The Rev. Julius M. Hanko who served as a missionary under the Board in the Hungarian Churches at Milwaukee and Racine, suddenly died in Florida on April 20th, whither he had gone for a season. The funeral services were held at Milwaukee on Friday, April 24th.

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Our Hungarian Church in Johnstown suffered a heavy loss during the recent flood which visited that community. The parsonage adjoining the Church property is a total wreck. The new pastor, Rev. N. Varkonyi, who had moved there only two weeks before, suffered the loss of all his household goods.

The mission had just recently gone to self-support. Many members suffered similar losses and the burden of reconditioning the Church and parsonage is greater than they can bear by themselves. Any who are disposed to render them assistance should send their contributions either to Rev. N. Varkonyi, Johnstown, Pa., or to the Board of Home Missions in Philadelphia.

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The Hungarian Mission at Windber, Pa., Rev. Andrew Fekete, pastor, will celebrate the 30th anniversary of its organization on Saturday, May 23.

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The Hungarian Reformed Church in Pittsburgh, Rev. Louis Varga, pastor, will observe its 45th anniversary on Sunday, May 24. This is the second oldest Hungarian Church in America. The one in Cleveland (East Side) was organized several months prior to this, but the first Church building erected for the Hungarians in this country was at Pittsburgh. The mission went to self-support several years ago.

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The 30th anniversary of the Hungarian Reformed Church, Cleveland, Ohio (Westside), Rev. M. Daroczy, pastor, was celebrated on Sunday, May 10. There is a singular coincidence that this congregation now owns and worships in the building in which the first Hungarian congregation in America was organized in January, 1891. It was then the property of the First Reformed Church. When this congregation resolved to transfer its work to Lakeside, it sold its property to the Westside Hungarian Church. This mission is now a strong and flourishing self-supporting congregation.

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The Board of Home Missions of the Reformed Church shares in the loss sustained by the Board for Home Missions of the Evangelical Synod in the death of its Chairman, Rev. G. A. Schmidt, of Denver, Col., which occurred the day before Easter.

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"Beside All Waters" is the title of a new Home Mission Study Text Book which is being prepared jointly by the Boards of Home Missions of the Evangelical and Reformed Church. The book is expected to be ready for use at the missionary conferences this summer. It furnishes an interesting study of the Home Missionary work as carried forward by the Reformed Church for 110 years and by the Evangelical Synod for 75 years.

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The receipts for Home Missions during the first four months of the current year are $5,000 less than during the same period a year ago. There is no explanation possible for this decline in giving on the part of our members. Is it any wonder that the Board finds it impossible to balance its budget or to pay its missionaries promptly and in full? We believe, however, that the receipts in the remaining months of the year will fully make up the deficiency up to this time. Unless this happens the Board cannot go on with its work.

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The Easter reports of our missions are very encouraging. Large audiences, large offerings and a renewal of interest were everywhere manifest. "The best Easter in the history of the Mission" is the note that is struck in most of the reports that have reached the Board.

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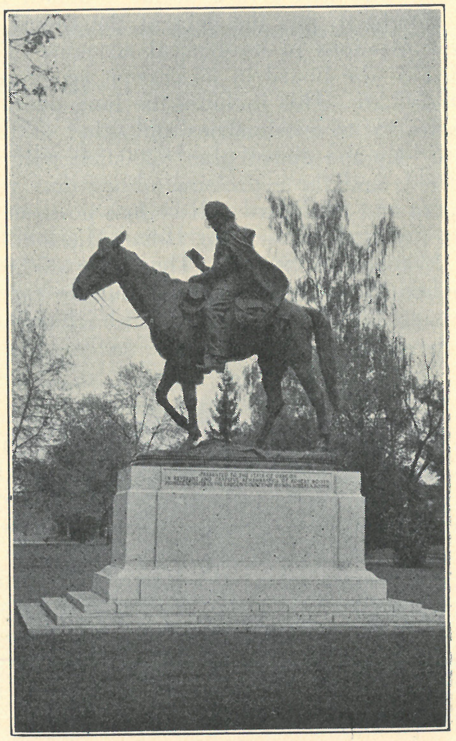

"THE CIRCUIT RIDER"

A Letter From Rev. J. Mori Giving an Account of the Death of His Wife at Sea

On board of S. S. Hollywood
April 24th, 1936

The Rev. C. E. Schaeffer, D.D.
Philadelphia, Pa.

My dear Dr. Schaeffer—

From San Francisco to Panama for 20 days we had very calm water and we said that the Pacific Ocean was really pacific. After passing the Canal the ship stopped at Colon. The ship unloaded the most heavy cargoes—cement, lumber and rice. From Colon to Puerto Rico and then to Trinidad, where we arrived on April 11th, the Caribbean sea was rough and as the ship was lighter, it was quite rolling all way through to the Atlantic Ocean. I was watching Mrs. Mori every day. She was seasick for three days after we left Trinidad, but she got well. Her appetite was good and she slept well until Sunday, April 19th. On Sunday morning at about 5.30 I heard loud snoring in the lower berth where she slept, which woke me up. I called her but there was no answer. I sent for the doctor and he examined her blood pressure which registered 200. He told me she was very serious with a cerebral hemorrhage. An injection brought her back to consciousness and she clasped my hand, although she could not speak. Then she became unconscious again and passed away peacefully at 9.40 A. M.

As we were on a freighter, there was no other way but burial at sea. So we decided to have the burial on Monday morning, April 20th, at 6 o'clock at sunrise. Her remains were properly arranged, covered with an American flag. When the time came, the ship's flag was half-masted and it was stopped during the services. Captain Swanson and I conducted the burial service and her body was buried at the deep, Latitude 2.03 South; Longitude 36.09 West, in the Atlantic Ocean. Thus she passed away without leaving her grave on earth as Christ did. No affliction touches a man so deeply as the death of a loving wife, and I cannot write here all that I feel. But a pioneer missionary must bear all these sufferings, bearing His cross; and His work must go on. I will arrive at Rio Janeiro on April 27th and at Santos on the 30th. From there I will go to Sao Paulo City and to the Japanese colony where her memorial service will be held. Then I will go on with my missionary work as planned.

MRS. J. MORI

Mrs. Chiyo Mori was born December 7, 1885, in Tokyo, Japan. Studied at Ferris Seminary, Dutch Reformed Church Girl School at Yokohama. Graduating in 1910, she taught in that school for two years and in another Dutch Reformed Church Girl School in Nagasaki for three years. She came to San Francisco in 1915 and was married to Rev. J. Mori. She helped the Japanese Church as organist and teacher of the Sunday School and English night school. In 1920 she was invited to the General Synodical meeting of the W.M.S. of our Church which was held at Reading, Pa. From that year to June, 1921, she studied at Hood College, Frederick, Md. From 1921 to 1925 she helped the work in San Francisco Japanese Church, and after her husband became missionary at large, she lived in Berkeley, California. On the way to Brazil, where she was going to help Rev. Mori who was to preach among the Japanese people there, she died April 19, 1936, and is survived by her husband and an only daughter, Mitsu, who is studying at Heidelberg College, Tiffin, Ohio.

I am,
Yours respectfully,
J. MORI.

Burial Service of the Late Mrs. J. Mori

DATE: April 20, 1936, at 6 o'clock A. M.

PLACE: Latitude 2.03 South; Longitude 36.09 West, Atlantic Ocean.

CAPTAIN: "I am the resurrection and the life, saith the Lord: he that believeth in me, though he were dead yet shall he live: and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die."

MINISTER: Scripture Reading; Psalm 90.

Funeral Sermon: Text, "Let not your heart be troubled: believe in God, believe also in me." John 14:1.

PRAYER: Almighty God, with whom do live the spirits of those who depart hence in the Lord and with whom the souls of the faithful, after they are delivered from the burden of the flesh, are in joy and felicity; we give Thee hearty thanks for that it hath pleased Thee to deliver this our dear one out of the miseries of this world; beseeching Thee that it may please Thee of Thy gracious goodness, shortly to accomplish the number of Thine elect, and to hasten Thy Kingdom that we with all those that are departed in the true faith of Thy holy name, may have our perfect consummation and bliss, both in body and soul, in Thy eternal and everlasting glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CAPTAIN: Forasmuch at it hath pleased Almighty God of His great mercy to take unto Himself the soul of our dear sister here departed, we therefore commit her body to the deep, in sure and certain hope of the resurrection to the eternal life, through our Lord Jesus Christ who shall change our vile body, that it may be like His glorious body according to the mighty working, whereby He is able to do all things to Himself.

MINISTER: Benediction.

Then the burial took place.

Flint Goes to Self-Support

THEODORE P. BOLLIGER

LAST New Year's Day, sixteen and a half years after its organization, the Mission at Flint, Michigan, went to self-support. From a membership of twenty-four on the day of its organization, the congregation has grown to four hundred communicants, with a Sunday School of three hundred. Members of the consistory do not hesitate to teach a class in the primary department. An active Christian Endeavor Society meets every Sunday; a German and religious school holds regular sessions; a band, a choir, and other musical groups help in the public worship or on special occasions; many of the men are banded together in special brotherhoods, and the future of the congregation appears very promising. I can think of no finer piece of constructive work done in the Reformed Church during the past quarter century.

The membership consists almost entirely of German-Russians and their descendants; most of the parents emigrated from the German colonies along the Volga River, in southeastern Russia, and had previously lived in various states of the Middle West. The sudden expansion of the automobile industry drew hundreds of them to Flint and other cities of Michigan; for jobs were plentiful and the wages were very satisfactory. Other nationalities and citizens of other states were

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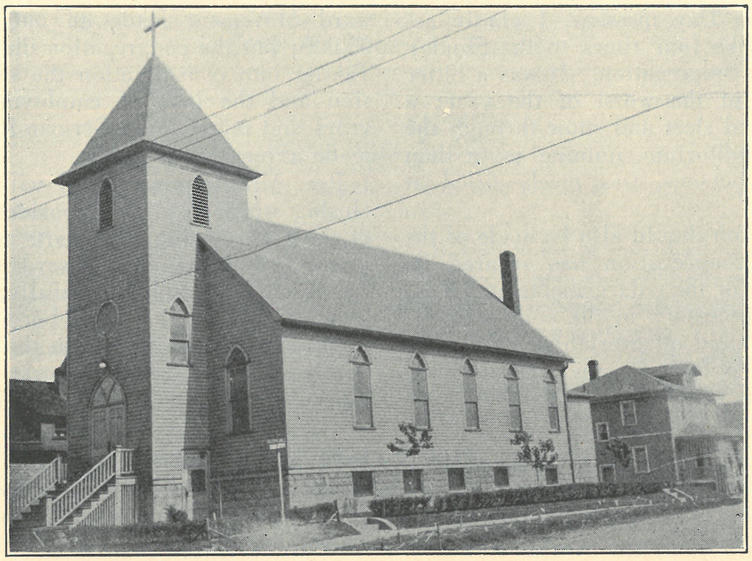

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH, FLINT, MICHIGAN

likewise attracted, and Flint increased in population from 60,000 to 160,000 since the Reformed congregation was founded. Flint has become an important manufacturing center of automobiles, buggies, carriages, varnishes, and is proud of its many mills, factories and shops. This rapid growth of the city made the equally rapid growth of the congregation a possibility.

The Rev. Doctor C. F. Heyl, at that time pastor of the First Reformed Church of Detroit, visited these German-Russians, now and then, during the early part of 1919, and conducted services in private homes. By July 23, it was possible to organize a little congregation of twenty-four souls, and Dr. Heyl continued to serve them until a pastor was secured.

The Rev. John Schmalz became the first pastor and served the congregation for two and a half years when a nervous breakdown forced him to resign. The congregation was made up of diverse elements that did not readily mix. There were Reformed, Lutheran and pietistic groups, with rigid convictions and scrappy behavior. The Volga Germans can stand more meetings, endure longer sermons, swallow more fervid exhortations, and just naturally break forth into prayer, than any other folk I have ever met. Pastor Schmalz passed through great sorrows and heartaches; but nevertheless, before the first year was ended, a small but sufficient church had been erected and dedicated, and by the close of his pastorate, the membership had increased to eighty-one communicants. Brother Schmalz was a good man, who loved his church with all his heart, and always gave his people the best he had.

The Rev. William Reitzer became the second pastor. With undaunted courage and zeal, he piloted his ecclesiastical ship through fair weather and foul, through calm and roaring waves. The church building has been enlarged threefold, an up-to-date parsonage has been erected, the entire plant has been renovated, paint and varnish have transformed the auditorium into a most attractive place of worship. The diverse groups and cliques have been united, and harmony and spiritual unity have emerged. The Lord has indeed done great things for them; but the pastor and the people have helped with heroic and persistent endeavor.

During the last year the congregation decided, of its own accord, to go to self-support. For the congregation, this meant increased endeavor; for the pastor it meant a smaller income; but both were ready to make the sacrifice. I would not have been bold enough to suggest this step to them; but greatly rejoiced that they volunteered to take it.

When the pastor notified me that the congregation would require no more mission support after the first of the year, and at the same time invited me to bring them the Foreign Mission Day message, I gladly accepted, and spoke four times to the Sunday School and the congregation. It was a bitter cold day, one of the worst of the year; a blizzard whipped sleet and snow through the air; but the auditorium, holding more than four hundred persons, was nicely filled at two services.

Special mention should also be made of the fact that the congregation has secured its property, paid for the enlargements and renovations made necessary in the course of the years, and has paid off everything except the last $2,775. To be sure, the Church Erection Fund of the Department of the Northwest gave them interest-free loans, and the Forward Movement made an outright gift of $3,000; but the congregation did all the rest. Taking into consideration the severe depression and the lack of employment for five years and more, these German-Russians have made a very fine record.

Rev. Mr. Reitzer himself will give us the closing words: "As we consider the history of the congregation, our hearts are filled with praise and thanksgiving towards God who has so graciously and bountifully blessed us. 'And let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us; and establish thou the work of our hands upon us; Yea, the work of our hands establish thou it.' Psalm 90: 17."

With Dr. McCracken at Shanghai

Extract of letter from Dr. J. C. McCracken, representative of the Christian Association of the University of Pennsylvania at the Pennsylvania Medical School of St. John's University of Shanghai, China.

IN June at Atlantic City I attended some of the meetings of the American Medical Association where there were about eight thousand delegates. Just this last month we have had in Canton, the biennial conference of our Chinese Medical Association and there were present about three hundred and fifty members, the largest medical conference ever held in China. Besides the usual group meetings we were celebrating the arrival, one hundred years ago, of Dr. Peter Parker, the first medical missionary appointed to China. Think of the courage needed to be the first to tackle the medical needs of this country. In reading about him before I went to Canton, I found that he did graduate work at the Pennsylvania Medical School in 1840 when he was at home interesting people in his work. Even as long ago as that the citizens of Philadelphia were being urged to take an interest in the health of the Chinese.

On the way to Canton our boat stopped at Amoy, a coast city of three million, where we have ten graduates of our own medical school at work in the city's hospitals. You would have enjoyed seeing our boys, hearing their work praised by other American doctors, and realizing the pride they take in their profession. The boys took us to a famous old Buddhist Temple for luncheon, a grand feast without a bite of meat, and on the way we saw new modern roads leading out into the country; the roads are so new that the black pigs still "jay-walk" while the cars slow up to let them take their time to cross safely. The life of a dog or pig is worth considering. These new roads represent ruthless cutting through houses, rice fields, and grave yards. We must compare it to a necessary surgical operation which means life to the patient. Good roads mean better markets, better transportation, improved health conditions.

A few months ago a little orphan boy of ten or twelve came to Shanghai as a stowaway from the famine district. He was penniless and begged on the streets. In a few days he became ill with amoebic dysentery, a painful disease. He slept in an alley. One morning a passing ricksha man heard him moaning. He stopped and told the boy he ought to go to St. Luke's hospital. The boy said he had no money and did not know where the hospital was; whereupon the ricksha man picked him up, put him in his ricksha and brought him to St. Luke's. He was a desperately sick boy. After weeks of treatment he recovered and he proved to be bright and attractive. He is now happy in a school for homeless boys. I wish I knew more about that ricksha puller—a real modern Good Samaritan. Life, after all, consists not in what we have, but what we are.

"My daughter and I enjoy reading the OUTLOOK and we wish you success."

MRS. H. C. HOLTON,
Columbus, Ohio.

"Continued good wishes and appreciation of the magazine."

MRS. C. C. BOST,
Hickory, N. C.

Foreign Missions

JOHN H. POORMAN, EDITOR

Easter at Huping

REV. EDWIN A. BECK

WE have been having a chilly, dismal spring, and too much rain! Early spring flowers were bedraggled by the rains, and clouds hung so low and dark and dreary that even the birds had a hard time to be cheerful. Good Friday was especially gloomy. But Easter morning was brighter. Easter turned out to be really a nice day. And it has been very much brighter and warmer since. Flowers are prettier, and leaves are shooting out fresh from the oaks and elms and willows. The camphor trees are dropping their old leaves which have turned red, and are putting forth a wealth of fresh, tender foliage.

Then, too, the waters of the lake have rolled in like a flood; so that, from being a stream of water flowing between sand banks, the lake has risen to be an inland sea, with its waves breaking on the green shores a hundred yards from our Water Gate. This is what the Chinese call the "Peach Flow Water," meaning the rise that is annually expected at the time of the blossoming of the peach trees. It is usual for most of this water to recede before the annual summer rise. But this year's "Tao-hwa shui" is much more abundant than usual.

But in spite of our low pre-Easter spirits, Easter did not pass without significance. At Huping, two Senior School students were baptized, and one workman. There were several other applicants for baptism, but it was deemed best for these to continue preparation until the next season. At our Easter Communion sixty-nine communed. In the afternoon a group consisting of three elders, one deacon, the Bible woman and two Christian women from the Huping compound, who had not been able to commune in the morning, went with the pastor to the cottage of Widow Chang to hold a "Shut-in Service," and to serve communion to her and the other two women. We held a gospel service out under the blue sky, and distributed the bread and the wine under the budding branches of the spring trees. Widow Chang was very grateful for this service. She is afflicted with painful rheumatism, nearly helpless, and housed amid pagan surroundings. That made seventy-two to take our Easter Communion.

EIGHT MEN BAPTIZED AT YOCHOW, CHINA, ON EASTER SUNDAY

Missionary Whitener is in the middle of the rear row. Pastor Tang stands at the right and Evangelist Fang at the left. The man in the front row holding a Bible is Dr. Feng, the second doctor in Hoy Memorial Hospital.

TWELVE WOMEN BAPTIZED AT YOCHOW ON EASTER SUNDAY
Miss Yang, the Bible Woman, stands at the left.

In town it was even better than that. There were twenty baptized, if I am not mistaken; and among them Teacher Wang, of the Girls' School, whose reception into church was so popular an event that the school grew hilarious over it.

So far as Huping is concerned, the measure of success which has been achieved in our religious work this year has been due principally to the splendid co-operation shown by the Christian teachers of Huping. They have all served as *lay-workers*, willingly doing their share. The preaching has been done by them, and the Morning Chapel Talks, the Sunday School Classes, and the Friday Prayer Groups and Wednesday Night Prayer-meeting, as well as the Sunday Night Prayer Groups. These lay-workers have been responsible for the religious work of the congregation and there has been a measure of healthful progress. With the exception of the missionary who gives part-time to the oversight of this work, the congregation is self-supporting. We have three elders and three deacons, but our Consistory includes a number of co-opted members, such as Mr. Liu, of the Methodist Church, and Mr. Fan, of the Presbyterian Church.

It is interesting to note that one of the students who was baptized last Sunday comes from a Lutheran community in Honan. The other comes from Changsha, from un-Christian surroundings; not altogether un-Christian, though, either, for his brother was an early student at Huping, and he has carried with him during these years a near-Christian attitude, and has recommended to his younger brother to examine sympathetically the Christian appeal. So Tsao Tsih-ching determined not to let this last Easter opportunity pass; and Good Friday night he decided to take the stand.

Yochow, China.

The Most Important Thing

Extract from the Paper of a Student in the Senior Normal School of North Japan College, Written at the End of the One-Year Course in English Bible Taught by Miss Mary E. Gerhard.

When we learn about the prayer-life of Jesus, we feel intensely that we must always pray to God expressing our thanksgiving: we must pray every morning before we begin our tasks, when we eat, when special events happen, when we have done our duties safely; for the enemy who is in rebellion against God's Kingdom, for the poor men, and for our brothers.

The most important thing which your lessons in Biblical Literature have done for me is that you gave me a light of the conduct of our true life. When I entered college it was spring, a pleasant season, but I was sorrowful, because I was like a drifting boat which was at the mercy of the wind on the ocean. But now I was given a precious thing, the Christian Spirit, as my true leader, by which I go out into the world. This is the most important thing which I was given during these four years.

T. MOROISHI.

Missionary Chat

Extracts from the Secretary's Correspondence

And the best news of all is that the Department of Education has granted our request to be recognized as a five-year High School. This makes us equal with the best schools in the Tokyo and Metropolitan centers. We are the first school in Miyagi Ken to be recognized as a five-year High School, as all the schools here have only a four year course; and up to this time because of our Bible teaching and our failure to have school on Saturday, we have been recognized as equal or higher than the four-year High Schools.

From DR. CARL D. KRIETE.
Sendai, Japan.

We had a glorious holiday, being the empress' birthday. It was a very impressive ceremony at 8.15 with everybody in formal dress. Mrs. Ono gave a most splendid address. How women have progressed in ideals and attitudes but at the same time clinging to the age-old virtues and ideas that have distinguished Japanese women all these years. It is an interesting time to be doing educational work in the Tohoku, with young girls straining for modern things and all the conservative parents and old alumnae criticising because girls are too free.

From MRS. CARL D. KRIETE.

During the past ten days the Fourth Division of Central Government troops, stationed here, has been put to work constructing an automobile road from here to Wuchang. They are preparing the road bed which is to be graveled later. This road connects with the Changsha-Wuchang Road near the Hupeh border, so the time when we can take a bus direct to Shenchow seems to be getting nearer.

We have been replacing the floor joists in the dining room and living room of the Yaukey residence. We had decided to take advantage of the fact that the house was unoccupied to repair the floor but when we explored it we found that white ants (termites) had riddled all the floor beams. The floor boards are still usable. We found the nest of termites just under the grate in the living room. This was the warmest place in the house. This unexpected drain on our repair funds has more than depleted them.

Recently we have been having local financial problems. The county treasury had issued about Chinese $50,000.00 in paper notes. Recently some soldiers leaving town tried to get these local notes changed into legal tender notes. The Treasurer did not have sufficient funds on hand to meet their demands so the notes became worthless. The county finally honored enough money at 2% per month to redeem the notes of the soldiers but have so far been unable to borrow sufficient funds to redeem the balance. As the Ziemer Girls' School has just opened, Miss Hoy has about Chinese $75.00 in these notes received on fees. We hope they will ultimately be redeemed.

From REV. STERLING W. WHITENER.
Yochow, China.

We had a good retreat in Changteh. I am sure that our six delegates from this part of the field got much good from the meetings, and that our work hereafter will show it. Our District Association (Classis) and Synod meetings and such retreats as we have just had, are helping to build up a real union Church in China with a consciousness of oneness and of power. Our Association's daily topics prayer list has been helping to cement the folks together in prayer, as well as to acquaint them with one another's work and place of work. Our evangelists all report regularly on their work to a committee appointed by the District Association, and their salaries are determined by this committee. They study books each year, and write papers on them, and send in their treatises to a committee of the Association. Candidates for the Seminary, as well as Seminary graduates, who are ready for licensure or ordination, are all examined by the Association, and then passed upon. Candidates for ordination to the ministry have to be passed upon by the Synod. I think it is likely that before long evangelists may be assigned to their stations by the Association itself at each annual session, rather than by a committee of the Association. The place of the self-supported church will soon be one of outstanding leadership in our Association. I am hoping that within several years our Shenchow city church may become fully self-supporting, and make a larger contribution than now to the church work here in West Hunan. Of course, as the Church takes more responsibility, there should be less for the Mission to do as a Mission in an administrative capacity. The Mission must decrease, and the Church increase. Too elaborate Mission machinery works against such hopes and plans.

From REV. GEORGE R. SNYDER.
Shenchow, China.

The whole Freshman class of the Senior Middle School has to be up at Military Camp, Changsha, again this spring. That throws things out of gear. The Government is insisting, now, that we, like all other Middle Schools, should have a radio, so that they can broadcast to us their very select propaganda. That is another annoyance; not only is the purchase of a radio set expensive, but the up-keep with dry cells is expensive; that is one point. But another point is the disturbance a radio would be to study habits, and the chagrin of having our political opinions handed out to us exclusively by the voice on the air.

But on the other hand I must say that the Government (Provincial) has been encouraging us, not only with fine words, but with real cash—a little bit. They have paid us between four and five hundred dollars. The Shanghai Commercial and Savings Bank, Changsha, makes the monthly collections for us.

Bob and I went to our South-end group Prayer-meeting, at the home, tonight, of Mr. and Mrs. Wen. Only one woman present here, Mrs. Wen. Besides her and the six teachers, there were Bob and two of the younger workmen. Last Wednesday night Mr. Mei Sheo Chwen had the first prayer-meeting of this spring season with the workingmen. Had it down in the Dung-hu school, with sixteen or eighteen present. After that he met several enquirers in his home. On Friday nights students meet in three groups for prayer-meeting and Bible study. There were twelve in the group in my house last Friday night. They decided to take Fosdick's "Meaning of Faith", which is translated into Chinese, as a guide to their discussions. We are also taking that as the program of our Morning Watch and Sunday Worship for this term. Wu Gin Lin carried the Chapter, "Faith a Road to Truth," through the Morning Prayers of the past week and closed his presentation of that subject with a splendid thirty minute sermon this morning. Now the Friday night group of this week will take the subject up for the final discussion. Mr. Fan Chen Yoh, this week, takes up the chapter, "Faith in a Personal God."

From REV. EDWIN A. BECK.
Yochow, China.

The New Year Inventory

THIS is not a feverish, hectic, end-of-the-Gregorian-calendar-year inventory such as is known in the West. That kind has its counterpart on the mission field, having been introduced by the missionaries in their efforts to have tangible statistics to show the results of their intangible influence. The time of this so-called inventory is during the lull of the fifteen-day lunar calendar new year vacation; the place is our Abounding Grace Hospital and the girl a pupil nurse.

The hospital had been reopened, for the third time in three years, about six months before this incident. The patients had remained for periods of time varying from a few hours to a few months and on dismissal their charts were stacked away. During the lull of hospital activities the nurse was assigned the task of arranging the charts in numerical order.

This particular plump, healthy-looking Chinese girl is usually at the foot of her class in scholastic ability, but in eager, unselfish service she is first. She is the kind of nurse little children turn to instinctively; most persons are children, more or less, when ill. The charts in her hands are not case records merely, but persons to whose needs she has ministered either day or night. Even when she received a letter telling of the sudden death and burial of her father several days' journey away, she had gone on ministering with swollen eyes, but no lag in her footsteps. And when the first part of the examinations of the Nurses' Association of China was held in the morning, she served part time during the day.

To her Case No. 1 was the patient, old boatman who was brought several days' journey after his leg had been amputated when caught between the boat and heavy anchor chain. Gunpowder accidents were responsible for injuries to six persons. The last one, a child of seven, had found a piece of bamboo

IN THE DISPENSARY OF ABOUNDING GRACE HOSPITAL, SHENCHOW, CHINA

containing black powder. With no other thought than to get warmth from burning the bamboo, he placed it on the open fire around which the family was sitting. Father, mother and two children were killed outright. The child died the next day. Most soldiers are cared for in the military hospitals, yet a few having gunshot wounds were treated. Auto accident cases numbered twelve. Ten soldiers with minor injuries were in at Christmas time; they listened to the story of the Savior's birth and enjoyed the party following and the gifts distributed.

Tumors, benign and malignant; the woman from the country with the extensive operation removing the breast—unable to read, was taught some tracts and prayers. A tumor of several pounds' weight, carried for several years, was successfully removed from a man's shoulder.

Babies born, four—how she loved them! The mothers stay thirty or forty days, as the custom of the country demands, and one gets attached to the mites.

Twenty-seven typhoid cases! It does not seem possible. Yet there were as many as eight at one time, half of them muttering in delirium and trying to get out of bed. One hardly forced one feeding down an unwilling throat until time to give another, while the convalescent ones wanted to eat all the time! There was that one from far away who always wanted to go home whose son arrived just a few hours before he died. And the one who asked for a picture of Jesus "with His eyes open!" His wife sat in the morgue with his body a whole night. The people, not being able to distinguish between typhoid hemorrhages and the bloody stools of dysentery, so often wait until hemorrhages appear before bringing the patient to the hospital. Small wonder the mortality rate is high, though some were so hopeless they were not admitted. But what a satisfaction when one who came in more dead than alive, walked home a month later perfectly well! *Miracles still happen.*

Native trained doctors admit the superiority of modern scientific medicine in the treatment of dysentery. Many patients, including children, receive treatment in the out-patient department. Bacillary dysentery still takes its toll.

Tuberculosis, how prevalent! a complication in many diseases when not the chief ailment. Two classmates dropped out of training because of it. Good health is indeed a blessing.

Contagious diseases are not many, though diphtheria is appearing more frequently with improved travel communications, as well as meningitis. The specific treatment for malaria is well-known, but obstinate cases need hospitalization.

Diseases of the eyes and skin, of the digestive tract, constitutional and organic diseases, infections and venereal diseases are always with us. Opium addicts are being compelled to take the cure. They need more than medicine to be cured and stay cured; the laws on the statute books will not do it. As the common saying has it, they are dead, but not buried. They must become new creatures with faith in a power higher than themselves.

Case No. 207 rounds out the first six months with a typhoid, now convalescent.

A. KATHARINE ZIERDT.

Shenchow, Hunan.

The Sowing Goes On

Being a narrative of the activities of the United Mission in Mesopotamia during the year 1935, by Rev. A. G. Edwards, Secretary

IT seems always to be the easiest to divide our work into two parts—the educational and the evangelistic. However, these two divisions range from the palm-covered plains of the Tigris and Euphrates to the snow-capped mountains of Kurdistan; from smartly dressed Baghdadis, many of whom buy their clothing direct from Paris, and who see the latest American and British pictures at the movies, to the mountain Kurds who clothe themselves in rough cloth woven in their homes from wool off the backs of their own sheep, and who, illiterate, seldom see a book or picture.

Strange as it may seem in a Moslem country where boys are greatly to be desired, and girls are merely a necessary evil, our educational work at present, through varied circumstances, is entirely for girls. The school in Baghdad, while reporting an average monthly enrollment no higher than that of last year, is gratified by the increasing interest in discussions of Bible questions and the apparent deepening of spiritual consciousness among the girls. The principal says, "It is the growing freedom with which our girls are seeking to have their questions answered and the development of Christian character which we see as girls remain year after year that gives us the greatest satisfaction in our work." These girls come from homes of all sorts, the daughter of a woman who drives her cow from door to door as a proof that the product milked and sold to order is unadulterated, plays happily with the daughter of a member of parliament who comes to school with a woman attendant whose presence the mother feels necessary so that all forms of Moslem propriety may be observed.

In Mosul the same general situation exists, although many of the girls are from mountain villages, and the institution is of a different type. While in Baghdad we have a day school, in Mosul we are trying to make a home for girls who wish to come to town to study in the better schools Mosul offers. In connection with this there are classes in cookery, dressmaking, Bible and English held for young women and also for the boarding girls after school hours. This work, although only a few years old, has had distinct success. This year the boarding department was full to capacity, including many girls from Mosul itself, and the day classes were well attended. The missionary has worked out a multitude of activities for herself and the hostel—a Friday school of religious education, a week-day class closely resembling Sunday school for street-waifs, a church choir, etc. The girls are happy in their mission home and are learning how to care for a home, and that it is not a disgrace to work with one's hands. One could relate many amusing incidents and clever remarks of the children. One little girl, when being lectured by her mother on how grateful she should be for her mother's pains in bringing her up, replied, "Now, Mother, don't be taking credit to yourself. It's the Americans who are doing all the bringing up I am getting!"

So the heads of both institutions speak of the pleasure they derive from working with girls who are so responsive and appreciative of the efforts of their teachers to instill Christian ideals into their lives.

Our evangelistic missionaries were somewhat hampered in their activities by political disturbances in both the north and the south, and by the absence on furlough of three of their number. One evangelist reports: "The work of sowing has gone on much as it has in previous years. We have done some touring, but because of tribal revolts we could not do as much as we had hoped. The coffee-houses still give great opportunity for presenting the Word. Sitting in these places where men of all stations of life gather, one usually finds a ready circulation for Gospel portions and tracts. New friends are made and opportunities found for speaking to individuals of our Savior."

We may also say for the other evangelistic areas—the sowing has gone on much as in previous years. No notable results have been attained, but the workers have carried the Word into the remote villages of the land as well as into the city streets. The colporteurs and local evangelists are for the most part showing spiritual growth and dependability, carrying on commendably in the absence of missionaries, and at times in trying circumstances.

I think I can best give an insight into the evangelistic work of the Mission by repeating a few incidents occurring in the various reports. The first case concerns a man whom the missionary calls Abd. He comes of a prominent Muslim family. His wife is a cousin of his. He has a good position with the government. In the autumn of 1934 his mother died. Following this he fell ill, and his grief, coupled with his nervous temperament, put him off his reason for a while. During weeks of convalescence, while still on sick leave, he began to visit the missionary who was his neighbor. His visits were frequent and prolonged. At first his wife staunchly opposed his visits, and once surreptitiously returned books which he had purchased—including a Bible. But when his interest proved long sustained, she considered it unwise to thwart him longer, and began to call in company with him. Within a few weeks a crisis seems to have been precipitated in the clan, and there were threats upon his life. The wife became highly excited, and asked us to have nothing more to do with Abd, and got him to stop coming to us. We complied readily, being willing to leave the matter to God. Within a few weeks he began coming again. Meanwhile, he had returned to his work and was showing a better mental balance. He secured an arrangement in his work whereby he was free on Sundays, and began to regularly attend the Protestant Church. He has witnessed to his newly found faith in ways most unusual, and has more than once asked for baptism. It is true that his mind is not as stable as the normal, but is it too unstable to judge what is good for his soul? What does the future hold for such a man?

The other two incidents are described more briefly, but also show how there is a hunger for the Truth. "I shall never forget the expression on the face of a Kurdish government official when he found that he had an opportunity to possess a complete Bible. He told us that he had a copy of the New Testament and found it to be a valuable book, and now he would like to have all the Word in one volume. One cannot help but think of the Rich Young Ruler who came to Jesus and found that he lacked one thing. We hope and pray that as this young officer seeks he will find Jesus, his Savior. In another case a Bible was placed in the hands of an Arab police officer. We did not seek him, but he sought us and sent a special messenger to bring us to his office in order that he might buy a Bible."

This, then, is a cross-section of the work of the United Mission. When we hear of mass movements in other countries we ofttimes feel discouraged and wonder whether we are really getting anywhere, but we are assured that in due season we shall reap if we faint not, and that gives us the strength we need to carry on, for surely some of the seed must be falling on fertile ground.

SELLING SCRIPTURES AT A VILLAGE COFFEE HOUSE IN MESOPOTAMIA

Monthly Prayer Cycle for Our China Mission

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"And whatsoever ye shall ask in My name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son."

1ST DAY. Thanksgiving for the progress of the Christian Church in China. Thanksgiving for the share that our Reformed Church has been having in the forward moving of the Christian forces in China. Thanksgiving to God for His leading Dr. Hoy into Hunan. Thanksgiving for the leadership of God's servants both in China and in the home land so that our beloved Church might have the share in the work in China which it now has.

2ND DAY. Thanksgiving for the achievements of the Five Year Movement of the Church in China and for those Christians who have joined the Church during the last five years. Pray that the efforts to deepen the spiritual life of the Christians and to lead others into the Church may continue unabated through the years.

3RD DAY. Thanksgiving that there is such an organization as the National Christian Council representing the great body of Christians of all denominations throughout the country. Pray that the Council may be richly blessed.

4TH DAY. Thanksgiving for the "Church of Christ" in China with its 130,000 members. Pray that the "Church of Christ" in China may have grace and wisdom and the leading of God so as to meet the responsibilities laid upon it. Pray that the completion of its organization may be accomplished according to the will of God. Pray for the Hunan-Hupeh Synod, of which our Church's work is a part.

5TH DAY. Thanksgiving for all that has been accomplished in the Yochow field in the Evangelistic work of the Church. Pray for Rev. Sterling W. Whitener, of Yochow City; pray for the seventeen Chinese Evangelists and ordained Ministers in the Yochow field.

6TH DAY. Pray for those engaged in the Evangelistic work among women in the Yochow field—Mrs. Mary B. Hoy and Mrs. Sterling W. Whitener. Pray for the four Chinese Women Evangelists working in the churches and chapels of the field.

7TH DAY. Thanksgiving for all that has been accomplished in the Evangelistic work of the Shenchow field during past years. Pray for Rev. George R. Snyder, of Shenchow, and also Rev. Theophilus Hilgeman; pray for the Chinese Pastor, the ten Evangelists and four colporteurs helping in the work of the field.

8TH DAY. Pray for those engaged in the Evangelistic work among women in the Shenchow field—Miss Minerva S. Weil and Miss Ruth Liu and the five Bible Women who are associated with them in the work.

9TH DAY. Thanksgiving for the accomplishments in the Yungsui field—our latest occupied territory in China. Pray for Rev. and Mrs. Ward Hartman. the three Chinese Evangelists, the five colporteurs, and the three Bible Women at work in the two counties of the field.

10TH DAY. In the Yochow field there are some 400 Christians in the five organized Churches and nine Chapels; in the Shenchow field there are some 280 Christians in the one organized Church and ten Outstation Chapels; in the Yungsui field there are 100 Christians in the one organized Parish with Churches at Yungsui and Paotsing and two Outstation Chapels. Pray that they may be able to stand firm to their beliefs and refuse to compromise under the strain of present conditions.

11TH DAY. Thanksgiving for all that our Schools have been able to accomplish from the time of their respective openings down to the present day. Thanksgiving for God's leadership during these recent years of revolutionary changes. Pray that the boards of managers as well as faculties and students may be led by Christ.

12TH DAY. Pray for Principal G. F. Yu (graduate of Huping Middle School and of the Agricultural Course of the University of Nanking), Rev. and Mrs. Edwin A. Beck and Mr. John D. Beck and their associate teachers and co-workers in their daily labors at Huping Middle School at Yochow.

13TH DAY. Pray for Principal S. Y. Giang (a Huping College graduate of 1926) and Rev. and Mrs. J. Frank Bucher and their associate teachers and co-workers in the carrying on of their daily activities at Eastview Private Junior Middle School and attached Primary School at Shenchow. Pray that these teachers as well as the members of the Board of Managers and the students may be imbued with Christ's Spirit and His teachings so that many young men may be led to Jesus and to consecrate their lives to leading others to Christ.

14TH DAY. Pray for Principal Miss Frances Chiang (graduate of Boone Library School), Miss Gertrude B. Hoy and Miss Erna J. Flatter and their associates and co-workers in the Ziemer Memorial Girls' School at Yochow. Pray that teachers and students may continue in their earnest efforts to keep the school permeated with the Spirit of Christ. Pray that the girls in the school may become so infilled with God's Love and His Teachings that they will ever keep true to Him.

15TH DAY. Pray for Principal G. T. Yang (a Huping graduate of 1925), Mrs. Grace W. Snyder, Miss Helen E. Brown and for their associates and co-workers in the Chen Teh Private Junior Middle School and attached Primary School for girls at Shenchow. Pray that the Christian atmosphere of the school may continue to be such that many girls may be led to accept Christ as Lord and Saviour.

16TH DAY. Pray for Dr. Francis Wei, the President; Dr. Paul V. Taylor, our missionary and Dean of the College; for Mrs. Paul V. Taylor, for Dr. Hwang Pu (our Chinese representative on the staff and Dean of the Department of Education) and the splendid group of co-workers and associates on the Faculty and the Board of Managers of the Central China Christian College as they shape the policies of the College and lead in its growth and in its giving of service to China. Pray that teachers and students may constantly be so imbued with the Spirit of Christ that *our* Central China College at Wuchang may ever be a bright shining light in the educational world.

17TH DAY. Pray for Dr. Paul E. Keller, our Mission representative on the Faculty, for Mrs. Paul E. Keller, and for teachers and students of the Central China Union Theological Seminary at Wuchang that they may daily receive the Lord's blessing in their work. (Dr. Keller is Principal of the Faculty, elected by the Board of Managers.) Pray that more students may be ready to accept the challenge and give themselves to the work of the Christian Ministry.

18TH DAY. Pray for Dr. Y. F. Wu, Prof. David Hsiung and the highly qualified group of teachers and associates who are helping make Ginling College for Women at Nanking count for more and more through the years as a high-class College for young women in China.

19TH DAY. Pray for Yali Senior Middle School for boys, and Fuh Siang Senior Middle School for girls, both in Changsha; for the two principals, Mr. Lao and Mr. Tsiang, and the faculties and the boards of managers. As a Church we are co-operating in these Schools.

20TH DAY. Thanksgiving for the great ministry of healing that has been carried on through the Hoy Memorial Hospital at Yochow through the years, and for the far-reaching influence that has gone out to other places through the work of the nurses educated and trained at the Hospital's Nursing School. Pray for Dr. Tu, the Chinese doctor at the head of the Hospital, for our Missionary Nurses—Miss Alice E. Traub who is Superintendent of the Hospital and for Miss Mary E. Myers—and for their faithful and able associates and co-workers. Pray that the Hospital and connected Dispensary may continue to render outstanding service to the tens of thousands of people in the Yochow field. Pray that the Nurses' Training School may continue on its high plane of efficiency and may be the means of providing Christian nurses to help care for the sick and suffering in the land. Pray for the Public Health Work and all efforts to teach preventive medicine. Pray that an American Doctor may soon be found to fill the vacancy on the staff of the institution.

21ST DAY. Thanksgiving for the years of service that the Abounding Grace Hospital has rendered in the Shenchow field and for its last re-opening in July of 1935. Pray for our Missionary Nurse, Miss A. Katharine Zierdt and for the Chinese nurses and helpers and students in training. Pray for Dr. Djang, graduate of a Mission medical college in Mukden in 1931, who assumed the leadership in the Hospital and Clinics in July of 1935. Pray that an American Doctor may soon be forthcoming to assist and lead in the work.

22ND DAY. Pray that such close connection may exist between the leaders of the Church and those responsible for schools and hospitals that whatever may have been accomplished in school and hospital in influencing individuals for Christ may be conserved, and that those persons may be led into ever fuller understanding of Christ and His teachings.

23RD DAY. Pray that all Religious Education Movements, including all Sunday School, Young People's and Christian Endeavor activities, may be able to adapt themselves to the needs of the present day and be able to measure up to the responsibilities placed upon them by all Church leaders.

24TH DAY. Pray for the Christian Homes Movement that aims at the Christianization of the entire home life of the Christians throughout the land. Pray that the leaders as well as the rank and file of the Christians throughout China may have increasing success from day to day in establishing fully Christianized homes throughout the length and breadth of the land.

25TH DAY. Thanksgiving for the growing literacy of the Chinese people. Thanksgiving for all that the Literature Societies and the three Bible Societies have been able to do in spreading the Gospels and Christian literature throughout the land. Pray that each ensuing year may witness a broader distribution of the Bible and the Gospels and of Christian literature in the country.

26TH DAY. Thanksgiving for the Will for Unity which has evidenced itself in the Christian Movement in China. Pray that its high idealism and Christ-like spirit may continually prevail in all the Councils of the Church.

27TH DAY. Pray that the Nationalist Government and Government leaders may have increasing success from day to day in leading the nation out of its distresses. Pray that all Christian citizens of China, especially the several hundred holding important Government offices, may remain true to their Christian ideals in the service rendered to their country.

28TH DAY. Pray that the members and secretaries of the Board of Foreign Missions and the China missionaries of our Church may daily have the leading of the Holy Spirit so that God's Will for our China work may be understood and carried out. Pray that ways and means may be provided so that our evangelistic, school and medical work may all contribute much in helping establish the Church of Christ in China.

29TH DAY. Pray that a spirit of sympathy and friendliness may permeate the relationships between China and the other nations of the world. Pray that Christian groups throughout the world may unite in a spirit of brotherhood and assist in bringing about international Christian relationships between China and the other countries of the world.

30TH DAY. Pray that the Principals of the nine Primary Schools in the Yochow field, together with their associate teachers, may have such Christian influence on the girls and boys who study with them that they may become filled with the Love and Teachings of Christ.

31ST DAY. Pray for the missionaries' parents and relatives in America. Pray for the missionaries' children who are in America or away from home in school. Pray for such an indwelling of the spirit of God in their hearts that they may be freed from loneliness or homesickness, and that they may be strengthened to help one another wherever possible in furthering God's Kingdom work in China and in America.

Book Aids to Wider Vision

BOOKS may be powerful lenses through which far-away fields, both geographic and of the mind, may be brought within the vision of the reader. They may serve as binoculars bringing within the range of the reader's knowledge and understanding, strange lands and people, untraveled highways within our own nation, and a new perspective of the relation of each to the whole. The books available for mission study groups for use during the coming year fulfill this purpose admirably.

Opportunity is given this year for a study of the entire missionary enterprise of the Evangelical and Reformed Church. Those of the "E" group will find of particular interest those fields that have been developed by the "R" group; those of the "R" group will find new challenge in the added fields whose histories date from "E" beginnings; the united Church will find new inspiration through an insight into the program as a whole.

The themes for study at summer conferences and training schools this summer are, in the field of Foreign Missions, "The New Church Facing New World Horizons"; in the field of Home Missions, "Expanding Fields of Service in Home Missions". Basic texts for the two studies have been written by the secretaries of the two mission boards of the "R" group.

Dr. A. V. Casselman's book for Foreign Missions study is entitled, "The End of the Beginning". Dr. Casselman has returned within the year from a visit to the missions in Japan and China. He has written into his survey much that he experienced personally on this and previous visits to the field. As the name implies, the book summarizes the Foreign Missions enterprise of the Reformed Church in Japan, China and Iraq, and is a challenge for the future in the wider fields that include India and Honduras.

Dr. Charles E. Schaeffer's book, "Beside All Waters" does in the field of Home Missions what Dr. Casselman's book accomplishes in the foreign field. Dr. Schaeffer does not limit himself to the work of the Reformed Church which he has administered for more than twenty-five years, but treats also the work of the Evangelical Synod. Chapters for the book have been contributed by Rev. Benjamin Stucki on the work among Winnebago Indians, by Rev. Paul A. Wobus, who deals with the mission in the Ozark Highlands of Missouri, and by Rev. J. J. Braun, on the history of Home Missions in the Evangelical Synod.

For those groups wishing to follow the interdenominational mission themes, there are books of unusual interest on "Africa" and "The Negro in America". Dr. Charles A. Johnson, Director of the Department of Social Science in Fisk University, has written the adult study book, "A Preface to Racial Understanding". The book prepared by Ina Corinne Brown for young people, "The Story of the American Negro", is a classic in its field. Popular in style, yet based on sound scholarship, it delves into the African background of the slaves and carries through slavery days to the present status of the Negro in America. Mary Jenness is the author of a series of short sketches telling of the personal achievements of outstanding but not well-known Negro leaders. The book is entitled "Twelve Negro Americans".

In the "Africa" field, Dr. Emory Ross, familiar with Africa as a missionary and board secretary, in his book "Out of Africa", describes graphically the changing life of African peoples in this generation and indicates clearly the future tasks which the churches in Africa and the West must face together. "Christ in the Great Forest", by Felix Faure, is a reading book bringing together a series of vivid true stories that tell in an absorbing way of transformation from the dark terror of witchcraft to new life as individuals join the New Tribe of the followers of Christ. Basil Mathews, well known to mission study groups for his excellent study texts, is the author of the young people's book, "Consider Africa". Mr. Mathews shows how the fragile tissue of African tribal life is being destroyed by industrialism and the implications of these changes for missions. As a companion piece to "Fun and Festival in Latin America," published a year ago, Catherine Miller Baum has prepared a similar collection of games, stories, proverbs, music, dramatizations, etc., entitled, "Fun and Festival from Africa".

CHARLES M. LEGALLEY.

"The magazine is improving all the time."

MRS. A. S. WEBER, Baltimore, Md.

Men and Missions

JOHN M. G. DARMS, EDITOR

The 20,000 Club

If one out of every five of our men in our (former) Reformed Church or the "R" group in the Evangelical and Reformed Church would join this club, proposed by the Board of Home Missions, and for a period of ten months give at least *One Dollar per month* (3⅓ cents per day), the Board of Home Missions, we are told, could pay its bank loans and also the back salaries of the missionaries.

We have approximately 100,000 men in the "R" group.

Here are a few of the reasons why they should join this "club":

1. As a matter of *honor* and *integrity*, for this condition cannot continue without a moral "let down" or a spiritual breakdown.
2. To *keep up the "credit"* of the Board, a matter of importance for any business enterprise, and thus to help the Board—our Board—square itself with the financial institutions.
3. To *keep a promise* made to God-fearing men, our *missionaries*, who ask nothing more than a simple living for their painstaking and strenuous work.
4. To help the missionaries *keep up their credit* with the butcher and the baker, the tailor and the cobbler, the insurance agent and the physician. They are as jealous of their standing in the community as are the banker and the business man in the world of finance.
5. To *"clean the slate"* before our Boards of the "R" and "E" groups merge, in order to start in on an equal footing and without a handicap of heaped-up and unpaid bills.
6. To *inaugurate a new era of activity*, for which our Boards are praying and pining, for the most glorious opportunities for home missionary activity "wait at the door."
7. To *give new life to our Church* by infusing new blood, adding new members, and a new spirit to those at the front; a crop of new members would thrill the Church and quicken her life.
8. To *do the bidding and the work of Christ*, who commands today: Go forward and possess the land—*this* land—America for Christ. And now is the time, like the Macedonians, who gave of their poverty, for they never did have "plenty." Just because we have little, to share this and to sanctify our daily toil with a holy objective, is a service to our Christ and to our fellow-man.

Men at the Missionary Conferences

It would be a credit to the men of our Church if more of them would attend the splendid missionary conferences planned for this summer in various sections of the Church.

This is not merely a woman's affair or one to appeal to young people. Here, too, our men should be leaders—as successors of the apostles and missionaries throughout the ages.

Here men contact and hold fellowship with the men of Christ of every age and nationality and can note how the Gospel is gripping and shaping lives other than their own.

Not only do the conferences promote spiritual unity with the men of all races and nations, in whom Christ lives, but with the Lord Christ Himself, whose work this is, going on from generation to generation.

And every man, who thinks Missions and *shares his Christ with others*, is *much more a man* and *much more a real Christian.* It cannot fail to strengthen his manhood and deepen his faith and there is not a man living, certainly not in this age, who does not need reinforcement in both of these.

ENROLL in the missionary conferences, ye MEN of the Church, ye MEN of CHRIST, and give to our missionary conferences what they deserve to have, the stamp of Christian manliness.

When we count the attendants this year, may we have very many more men present and active not only as leaders, but as disciples, as learners, as followers of the Christ.

Missions at the Convention

The cause of Christian Missions will have a conspicuous place at the Convention to be held for the men—all the men— of our united Church at Buffalo, August 18th-20th.

We have no stronger advocates of Missions than our two secretaries: Dr. A. V. Casselman and Dr. F. A. Goetsch, and both of them will be heard, the latter on Thursday morning and the former at the great banquet on Thursday night.

But theirs is not the only word in behalf of the missionary enterprise. The very slogan: "Every Churchman a builder of the Kingdom," breathes that spirit.

No group of Churchmen can meet anywhere, at any time, unless they give expression to the missionary spirit—for that is the *heart* of the Gospel and the *spirit* of Christ.

If any convention of Churchmen should leave out the Christian missionary message and spirit, it is not composed of Christian Churchmen; and these men—all of them—ARE CHRISTIAN.

Friends of Missions—come to the Convention; or, if you are not as yet won to that World Friendship, come to the Convention and CATCH THE MISSIONARY SPIRIT.

Just Why?

Who can answer this question? Just why do men support so lavishly their service clubs, their golf and baseball clubs, the athletic clubs, the auto clubs and travel clubs with such liberality and give so sparingly, sometimes grudgingly, for Missions?

Does Christ not mean as much to them as do these pastimes? We cannot believe that these are a satisfying equivalent, wholesome though some of them may be.

And again, the several political conventions scheduled for Cleveland and Philadelphia will cost millions of dollars and MEN WILL CONTRIBUTE these high sums. Does it mean more to have the Democratic or Republican Party exert leadership and win than for JESUS CHRIST to lead the world out of chaos and sin unto righteousness and peace?

Why this country-wide betting on race horses, on the sweepstakes, both in the United States and abroad, which amounts to a veritable craze? And surely, some of these people, who place their money on horses, must be church people, even Protestants! Does "getting something for nothing" appeal more than "doing something for Christ"?

Fair Gakuin

The North Japan College Song

WHERE Hirose ripping flows
And the purple hagi grows,
There's a place that's all the world to me, to me.
There my Alma Mater stands
And with open outstretched hands
A-giving of her light to all men freely.

Chorus

Oh the Gakuin so fair,
Not another can compare.
She's the fairest of ten thousand to my soul.
So let's sing this merry lay
And to her our homage pay,
And cheer her till the echoes round us roll.

From the east and from the west,
With their faces full of zest
Come the eager youth of all the land, the land.
Yes, they come to learn the way
How to work and how to play,
And how for freedom and for right to stand.

Then wherever we may be,
On the land or on the sea,
Ne'er shall we forget her glorious name, her name.
And to her we'll loyal be,
While in fondest memory
We'll cherish and enhance her lasting fame.

A Paying Investment

DURING the past year the Board of Foreign Missions received several gifts totalling $1,700.00 as the direct result of an advertisement on the back cover page of THE OUTLOOK OF MISSIONS, in which the advantages of making contributions on the Annuity Agreement basis were set forth. During the same period of time the Board's share of the expenses for the publication of the magazine amounted to a little more than $300.00. Without counting any of the many other contributions to Missions which have been stimulated by the presentation of the needs of the work, it will be evident that the magazine is a paying investment.

"I do not believe that all of our women know the wonderful reading and help our missionary magazine contains. I can hardly wait to read it."

MRS. WILLIAM GOODWIN, Dover, Ohio.

"I surely would miss THE OUTLOOK OF MISSIONS."

MRS. RICHARD NELF, Allentown, Pa.

The Woman's Missionary Society

Greta P. Hinkle, Editor

Children's Day in Shenchow, China

April 8, 1936.

Dear Mission Band Boys and Girls:

I've just written a letter to a Mission Band in Canal Winchester, Ohio. They wanted to know something about the little boys and girls in China, and I had such a nice story to tell them about our Shenchow Children's Day that I thought you might be interested. So, I think I'll just write it to all of you.

For some reason, people didn't seem to pay much attention to little children in China years and years ago. But there were always lots of children. Even if grown-ups didn't seem to think much about them, nor parents work very hard at raising them, they grew up anyhow, just like Topsy in "Uncle Tom's Cabin." Some parents were very careful about their little children, because they made them caps and shoes and little clothes that looked like tigers and other wild animals that were so fierce they could scare off all kinds of sickness. But parents didn't trouble to feed them orange juice or carrots, or spinach. And they didn't feed the babies canned milk either; if one mamma didn't have enough food or time to feed her baby, she hired some other baby's mamma to do it for her. But it was true that hundreds and hundreds of children just grew up as best they could.

They didn't even have schools for the children who were old enough to go to school. Some parents had teachers come to the homes and teach their children. But it really was the Mission Schools which gave China the idea of having schools. Now, the new Nationalist Government of China is opening more and more public schools every year. By and by, the Government hopes that all little boys and girls can at least learn to read and write. Now, while the Government wants to have schools for them, the Government wants also to teach the parents that the little children are very, very important. This year, 1936, the Government of China has called "Children's Year." And every April Fourth is to be Children's Day. People can easily remember April 4th, because it is the Fourth Month, the Fourth Day, and they can call it the Double Fourth.

Last year, our Chenteh school celebrated Children's Day by having a special program at the school. We played games and did the kind of things that little boys and girls would like to do. But this year, all the schools in Shenchow celebrated together. No children beyond the 6th grade belonged to this Children's Day celebration.

The town Committee this year (there was one Chenteh teacher on the Committee) wanted to have a contest to show the importance of Good Health. For this Good Health Contest, they asked our Doctor Chang and our Mission Nurse, Miss Zierdt, to examine the children of the schools. And there were hundreds and hundreds of children. Many parents felt insulted to think that their children should be examined for Good Health. But the teachers chose a number of the healthiest ones from their schools, and brought the children to the Abounding Grace Hospital for examination. If you were a child going to school, learning to read and write Chinese, what question of Health would you think of the *first importance?* . . . It would be your eyes, wouldn't it? . . . And that is just how Dr. Chang began. If any child showed signs of having trachoma (an eye disease), immediately Dr. Chang didn't examine any further, because he said such a child's health was too bad to compete for a prize. Many of the children who came for examination did have trachoma. One little girl didn't have trachoma, and didn't seem to have anything else wrong with her. She was just about to be mentioned for a prize, when they found "itch" pimples on her body and that counted her out. It is very easy to get "itch" in school, because you can get it on your hands from rubbing a desk where someone with itch has rubbed it. And many little children use each other's towels. This Good Health campaign will teach all children to be more careful. (And, especially now, we are trying to teach them to be careful because the awful spinal meningitis has come to Shenchow. Even a little girl at Chenteh has suddenly had it, but Dr. Chang and Miss Zierdt were able to treat her and to save her.) A Chenteh Kindergarten child won the first Good Health Prize for the

Four and Five Year Olds . . . It was very evident that this child's mother knew what to feed him, and how to keep him clean and healthy.

But the nicest part of the Children's Day was the Speaking Contest. And a little boy in Chenteh's Second Grade won the first prize in the whole city contest. He is a very little boy, although he is seven years old. His name is just "Dung-Dung." Dung is his family name and the word "Dung" means *East.* Little "Dung-Dung" has another name since he has started to come to school. At school he writes his name "Dung Hsien Chi," which is a very dignified name for such a little boy. "Dung-Dung" comes to Chenteh because his two young aunts come there and he has company to walk with. All four of "Dung-Dung's" grandparents were Christians, and all of "Dung-Dung's" family go to the Christian schools. One of his aunts is in the 9th grade at Chenteh, and she can read and speak some English. His father, who went to Huping, can speak English very well. But it must have been his aunt, Dung Shao Shien, who taught him the story and taught him how to speak from the platform. At any rate, he spoke so well, his story was so good, and his voice was so clear that he won easily among all who tried—and some of the children were twelve years old. Wouldn't you like to know the story that he told? It was such a lovely story that I will tell it to you the way it sounded to a Chinese teacher who listened:

"Once there was a widow who had two little children. She had to work very hard because she had no one to help her take care of these children. But always she had time to tell them some stories. Once, the children went to a meeting with some other children. All the ladies who came there had beautiful clothes, and wore ear-rings, and rings, and bracelets. And the ladies were very beautiful, and the children admired them very much. The ladies' hands were white, too, and the precious stones in their rings looked very beautiful. When the two little children went home, they felt very sad: their own mother had no precious jewels . . .

"That night at home the two little children were still very sad. And they talked to each other about how they loved their mother and how unhappy they were because she didn't have precious jewels like other ladies. And they said when they grew up, they would get precious jewels for their mother, too . . . And just then their mother heard them, for she had been wondering why they were so sad. She came to them, and took them on her lap, and said, 'Oh, don't be sad for me. Indeed, I do have precious jewels: two very, very Precious Ones. And you darling children are those Jewels.'

"And that is all true; we children are our parents' Precious Jewels. And we are our country's most precious jewels, too. . . ."

When he finished, Dung Shien Chi made a bow and quietly went to his seat. Many people clapped their hands for him. General Tao, the big general in the city, smiled at little Dung-Dung and seemed very much pleased with his story. The story was very different from all the speeches which the other children gave. Do you know what I think? I think that it was a Christian story and I think it came from an American children's Sunday school leaflet. Dung-Dung's aunt and father have read many of the Sunday school stories which are sent out in the little leaflets. Did you ever hear a story like that about Precious Jewels?

Then can you guess what Dung Shien Chi, himself, really wanted for a prize? He told his aunt that he *wanted* a real alive, white horse that he could ride on!

I'll send you Dung Hsien Chi's picture as soon as we can get a good one. And we'll send you a picture of our Kindergarten children, too, for they all had new aprons for Children's Day. Will you remember that our Children's Day is April Fourth—Double Fourth?

Chenteh Greetings, and very, very best wishes to all Mission Band Children.

GRACE WALBORN SNYDER.

The annual May Luncheon of the Council of Women for Home Missions was held May 11, in the Hotel Commodore, New York City. "Christian Unity in Service" was the theme of the program which presented the phases of united service through the Council. Mrs. Kenneth D. Miller, Miss Marion Cuthbert, Miss Anne Seesholtz, Rev. William R. King, D. D. and Rev. Howard Chandler Robbins, D. D. were the speakers.

Miss Carrie M. Kerschner, our Executive Secretary, was hostess at one of the tables. Others from our church in attendance were Mrs. D. A. Bode, Emanuel Church, Woodhaven, L. I.; Mrs. C. H. Gramm, St. John's Church, New Brunswick, N. Y.; and Mrs. J. M. Hoelzer, St. Luke's Church, Brooklyn, N. Y.

THE CHILDREN'S DAY AT PLEASANT VALLEY, OHIO

It is in June that most churches observe Children's Day and therefore it is quite appropriate to present in this issue a picture taken on the occasion of a special children's service in the Pleasant Valley Church. Almost every day is Children's Day in Pleasant Valley, but last fall a special Sunday was set aside as Cradle Roll Day. Many babies and their parents were present at this service during which the infant daughter, Doris Jean, of the new Cradle Roll Superintendent, Mrs. Edward Earlywine, was baptized. There are over 40 babies enrolled. The photograph shows a few of the 40 with their mothers. Mrs. Earlywine is seated in the front row at the extreme left. Rev. Loran W. Veith is pastor of this Home Mission Church.

Graduations

MANY of our Guild girls are being graduated from High School and College this month. Graduations are in the air! Underneath all the frivolity and gay spirits there is much serious thinking about the days ahead and the next step along the highway of life.

But a number of them have been doing serious thinking along other lines, and, having decided that they are ready for the step forward to larger service and greater responsibilities, Guild girls have been and are being graduated into Women's Missionary Societies. Accounts of three such occasions follow:

FOURTH CHURCH, CLEVELAND, OHIO

"Will you be gatherers of jewels for the Master?" That was the challenge given to the girls of Fourth Church Girls' Missionary Guild, Cleveland, Ohio, as they were graduated into the Woman's Missionary Society on March 24, 1936.

The graduation service began with the song, "The Light of the World is Jesus" after which the girls with their counsellor stood in a semicircle before the President of the Woman's Missionary Society. The counsellor of the Guild presented the girls to the President, who welcomed them into the society.

We were especially honored in having with us the President of the Woman's Missionary Society of General Synod, Mrs. F. W. Leich, who welcomed us to the greater service which we can perform and which is our duty in this organization. Mrs. Leich told a story of two men who were passengers on a boat bound for the Orient. When one man was asked what he expected to do, he said, "I am going to gather jewels." The other man was interested and, questioning him further, learned that these jewels were those who would give their lives to Christ. Therefore our challenge is—helping to gather jewels for the Lord.

The service closed with a friendship circle when, with lighted candles, the entire group joined in a consecration prayer.

RUTH HENSCHEN.

ZION CHURCH, PROSPECT, OHIO

On Sunday afternoon, April 26, the Woman's Missionary Society and Girls' Missionary Guild of Zion Church, Prospect, Ohio, gathered at the church for a very happy occasion. Eight members of the Guild were to be graduated into a Young Woman's Missionary Society to be named the "Mary E. Herbster Circle" in memory of Mrs. R. W. Herbster.

The program consisted of an organ prelude by Mrs. E. E. Wottring, Consecration Hymn, the history of the Guild by Lucille Hourson, the graduation exercises and presentation of diplomas (made by one of the girls) conducted by Mrs. R. H. Stratton, the president of the society, a short talk by Mrs. Wilfred Knickel (president of the new group), the hymn "Blest Be the Tie That Binds Our Hearts" and the Mizpah Benediction.

A large basket of flowers presented by the Herbster family added much beauty to the occasion. Tea and a social hour followed. While the new Circle consists of only eight members at the present time, they have every reason for expecting to grow in numbers as well as in service.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, BLUFFTON, OHIO

The Girls' Missionary Guild of St. John's Church, Bluffton, Ohio, held a graduation service for ten of its members on Sunday evening, April 5. Mrs. W. A. Amstutz, a former president and the present Treasurer of West Ohio Classical Society, was the leader and speaker of the evening. The candlelight graduation service suggested in the Guild Handbook was used.

After the singing of a hymn of consecration, Mrs. Noah Niswander of the Woman's Missionary Society led the devotions. During the singing of "Let the Lower Lights Be Burning," the graduates, carrying unlighted candles, presented themselves at the altar. Mrs. Amstutz gave an appreciative account of the work done by the girls and commended them to a further and greater fellowship and responsibility in the missionary society. The candles were lighted at a large one and the exercise closed with the graduates singing "Follow the Gleam."

Mrs. Amstutz then gave a history of the Woman's Missionary Society. After an unaccompanied duet, "Are Ye Able?" the leader installed the officers of the three local societies —Girls' Missionary Guild, the Gertrude Hoy Missionary Circle, and the Woman's Missionary Society—in an impressive service. The new Circle is composed of the ten graduates and three other members.

The public had been invited to be present at this service and it was well attended.

MEREDITH STEPLETON.

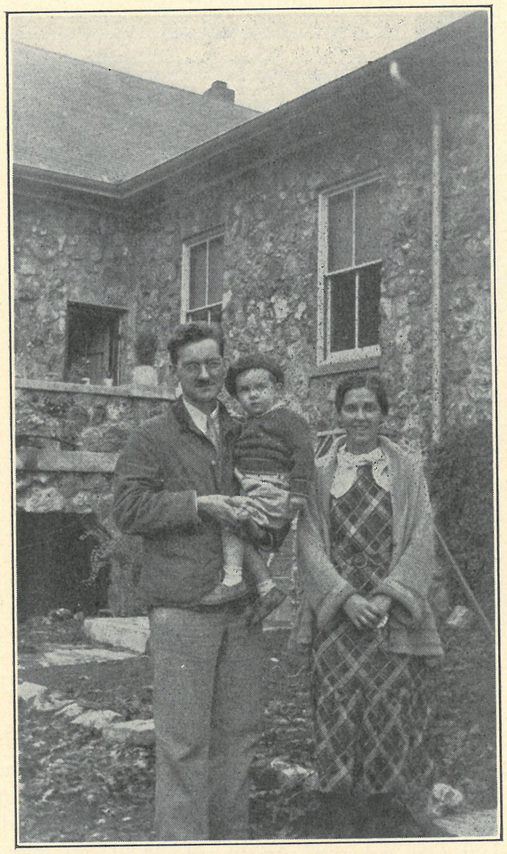
Items of Interest

A Fiftieth Anniversary

AT the recent annual meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society of West Susquehanna Classis one of the outstanding features was an observation of the 50th anniversary of the founding of a Classical Missionary Society which was affiliated with the W. M. S. G. S. from the very beginning. Thirty-five years ago the Classical Missionary Society became a Classical Woman's Missionary Society, but their active cooperation with the General Synodical Society dates back for half a century. The committee, with Mrs. J. M. Hartswick as Chairman, found that complete records for the 50 years were not available. With the help of numerous individuals, some personal records and data gleaned from every available source, the history of those early years was compiled. There are still some gaps in the records, but it is hoped that as time goes on, these may be filled in with the help of facts unearthed in unexpected places. The anniversary service was opened with a modern parable, "The Oak Tree," written and presented by Mrs. E. G. Kline of Selinsgrove; "Babyhood" was presented by Mrs. Hartswick; "Growing Up" by Mrs. Frank M. Fisher, Centre Hall, and the "Prime of Life" by Mrs. Harry Badger, Bellefonte. Perhaps the most remarkable feature of this service was the introduction of Mrs. Catherine Steiniger of Lewisburg and Mrs. Alice Parvin of Mifflinburg, both of whom have been members of the society for the entire fifty years. Mrs. Steiniger became a member in 1883 and Mrs. Parvin was a member as a child in 1879. A third member introduced was Mrs. Annie M. Biehl of Lewisburg, who joined about six months after Mrs. Steiniger. She, however, was away from Lewisburg and the Reformed Church for a time, so has not been a member of the society for the entire 50 years.

A Flash from the Ozarks

Here they are! The Rev. and Mrs. Vincent Bucher and their son, Norman. We've been hearing and reading so much about Shannondale Community House (Gladden, Mo.) and the vivacious, alert and energetic young workers there, that all of us have been eager to meet them. This is the next step in the getting-acquainted process—a photographic print of them. A corner of the Community House is clearly visible in the background.



REV. AND MRS. VINCENT W. BUCHER AND SON, NORMAN

The New Portland Federation

The way having been paved by three previous meetings, through which the desire for fellowship and the opportunty to study and serve together was firmly rooted in the hearts of all, the women of the E and R churches of the Portland, Oregon, area finally decided to become a permanent working group and formed a Federation in March, 1936. The organization meeting was held in First Reformed Church, Portland, Oregon, the Rev. Gottlieb Hafner pastor.

Last August Rev. H. L. Streich met with the group and explained fully the work of the Women's Union. In October, Miss Kerschner spoke to them of the challenge of the Woman's Missionary Society.

It was decided at the March organization meeting to hold two sessions a year, one in March and the other in September. About 50 were present for the morning business session. After an enjoyable fellowship during a pot luck luncheon in which about 65 participated the group reassembled at 1.15 o'clock. Mrs. Wm. Borges led the opening devotions, using the subject "Prayer." Mrs. Roy Juergens opened the meeting with English and German singing. Rev. Mr. Hafner extended the welcome of the hostess church and Rev. John Egger led in German prayer. At the morning session the following officers had been elected: President, Mrs. Roy Juergens, 1749 S. E. 48th Ave., Portland, Oregon (Evangelical); Vice-President, Mrs. John Egger, Hillsdale, Oregon (Reformed); Secretary, Mrs. Wm. Borges, R No. 2, Box 240, Boring, Oregon (Evangelical); Treasurer, Mrs. A. E. Wyss, R. No. 4, Portland, Oregon (Reformed). A most impressive feature of the afternoon session was the installation of the new officers conducted by Rev. Geo. F. Zinn and Rev. C. F. Howe.

The speaker was Mrs. Verdenius, who chose her subject from Nehemiah, "Come Let Us Build." Everyone was inspired by her message. Rev. Charles Hoffman closed the meeting with prayer and the benediction.

The September meeting will be held at Gresham, Oregon.

"I should not like to be without THE OUTLOOK OF MISSIONS. *It keeps one in touch with what is being done by the work and interest of our missionary societies."*

MRS. D. B. LADY, Arendtsville, Pa.

In Memoriam

LETTERS from the Rev. S. Kowta, pastor of First Church, San Francisco, and his wife, and from the Rev. K. Suzuki, pastor of the Reformed Mission in Sawtelle and Los Angeles, convey not only the sad news of the sudden passing away of Mrs. J. Mori but also tell of memorial services held in these two cities. (See notice of her death and funeral, elsewhere in this issue.)

These notes bring to mind most vividly Mrs. Mori's arrival in this country in 1915, the beautiful wedding at which I played the wedding march, the reception following and her subsequent efficient activities in the Sunday school and Church, as well as in the Woman's Society (changed in August 1919, just before I came East, into a Missionary Society and still functioning under the able leadership of Mrs. S. Kowta).

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR MRS J. MORI, HELD AT LOS ANGELES ON MAY 3RD

Many of us fondly remember the year Mrs. Mori and her little daughter Mitsu spent at Hood College (Mrs. Mori studying Domestic Science and music, especially) following the Triennial Convention in Reading in May, 1920. During this time they endeared themselves to a host of friends who will mourn Mrs. Mori's seemingly untimely home-going.

Before their return to the Pacific Coast, Mrs. Mori and Mitsu spent several days with me in Philadelphia. We laughed heartily as we recalled my efforts to teach her American cooking and hers to instruct me in the art of making Japanese dishes, in which she excelled.

Mrs. Mori was of a quiet and loving disposition. She was deeply interested in her daughter's education. The gracious hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Mori last November, when I spent a week in their home in Berkeley, is a cherished memory. What a delightful day we spent together in the home of Mrs. MacMillan, Napa, California. Mrs. MacMillan was the former Mrs. Eliza Ann Cannon, kindergarten teacher in First Church when Mrs. Mori arrived in San Francisco.

The last act of kindness which Mrs. Mori performed for me was when, at the request of Rev. Mr. Kowta, she played "God Be With You Till We Meet Again" at the prayer meeting service which I attended in First Church on November 6, and from which I left immediately to catch my train for Southern California.

Her kindly smile as she waved goodbye with thirty other friends who had accompanied me to the Ferry House in San Francisco still lingers in my mind.

Mr. Kowta sent word to me as soon as word of her death was received. Mrs. Kowta writes under date of May 4, "Mrs. Mori's sudden death was a great shock to us all. Memorial services in her honor were held in our church on the evening of April 26. Over one hundred and fifty people attended. We have done everything as if she had died here. The things we have done would surely have been satisfactory to the members of the bereaved family if they had been here."

Under date of May 12, the Rev. Mr. Suzuki writes, "I feel very sorry for Rev. Mr. Mori and Mitsu. Their friends in Los Angeles held a memorial service for Mrs. Mori on May 3, at 2 P. M. in the Church. I conducted the service and delivered a short impression of Mrs. Mori which I got while I have associated with Mr. Mori in our work in San Francisco and Los Angeles. The service was well arranged in every way by their friends and the Church members. An atmosphere of deep sympathy prevailed during the entire service. A substantial sum in cash was raised for Mrs. Mori's memory in South America. As Mr. Mori's fellow worker, friend and schoolmate in Japan and America I feel deep sorrow for Mr. Mori and Mitsu who have lost a dear wife and a dear, dear mother."

"God be with you till we meet again," dear friend.

CARRIE M. KERSCHNER.

Life Members and Members in Memoriam

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East Pennsylvania Classis—Diana E. Sitgreaves, 133 South 10th St., Easton, Pa.

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Tohickon Classis—Miss Annie E. Eckert, Colmar, Pa.; Lydia A. Leidy, Hatfield, Pa.; Mrs. Samuel F. Stover, 521 Market St., Perkasie, Pa.

West Susquehanna Classis—Miss Iva Mae Klinger, McClure, Pa.; Miss Estella Mae Baker, McClure, Pa.; Mrs. Ida Gemberling Coleman, Selinsgrove, Pa., R. D. 1; Miss Clara Mildred Gemberling, Selinsgrove, Pa., R. D. 1.

Wyoming Classis—Mrs. A. Mary Hemmerly, 575 North Locust St., Hazleton, Pa.

OHIO SYNOD

East Ohio Classis—Mrs. Minnie Remagen, 445 North High St., Wadsworth, Ohio.

PITTSBURGH SYNOD

St. Paul's Classis—Miss Anna C. Wiant, 84 Plum St., Greenville, Pa.

POTOMAC SYNOD

Juniata Classis—Mrs. W. B. Summers, James Creek, Pa.

Zion's Classis—Miss Daisy E. Forry, 525 East Philadelphia St., York, Pa.

MEMBERS IN MEMORIAM

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Lebanon Classis—Mrs. Lucinda Light, Jonestown, Pa.

Philadelphia Classis—Mrs. Sadie M. Davis, Kimberton, Pa.

Tohickon Classis—Mrs. Ephriam Stover, Saucon St., Hellertown, Pa.; Mrs. Elizabeth Spangler, Richlandtown, Pa.; Mrs. Rosella Landis Kulp Johnson, Doylestown, Pa.

West Susquehanna Classis—Mrs. Katie Irene Weaver, Aaronsburg, Pa.; Mrs. Margaret Mingle, 28 East High St., Bellefonte, Pa.; Mrs. Mary Louise Ardery, 37 Reynolds Ave., Bellefonte, Pa.

OHIO SYNOD

Northeast Ohio Classis—Mrs. Frank Boehm, 12713 Barrington Ave., Cleveland Ohio; Thomas W. Hartshorne, 4269 Valley Road, Cleveland, Ohio; Joseph Frederick Betzler, 959 Wye Drive, Akron, Ohio.

West Ohio Classis—Mrs. William Dierker, North Main St., New Bremen, Ohio.

PITTSBURGH SYNOD

Allegheny Classis—Mrs. James G. Runkle, 200 Walker Ave., Butler, Pa.; Mr. B. F. Shannon, 328 East Penn St., Butler, Pa.; Mr. S. O. Reiter, 520 East Fulton St., Butler, Pa.

West New York Classis—Mrs. Jacob Lieberum, Gold St., Rochester, N. Y.

"I enjoy THE OUTLOOK OF MISSIONS *very much and look forward to its coming each month."*

MRS. CARL S. LEONARD, Lexington, N. C.

"I certainly do not want to miss a copy. We are very anxious to read it."

MRS. J. O. FAGER, Clearwater, Kansas.

Momentum for the Meeting

Materials and Methods

CARRIE M. KERSCHNER

JUNE, July and August are inseparably linked with the out of doors. It seems natural, therefore, to have the June OUTLOOK contain additional suggestions for the August Meeting.

It has been suggested that this may be a Picnic Meeting. Whether held on someone's porch, under a spreading tree or in "God's first temples" the preparations should provide for a program atmosphere as well as for picnic festivity. Each hostess or group of hostesses will carry out individual ideas.

"New World Horizons," 5c (carriage 3c extra) contains a map—page 20—on which may be located "Central Province" around which hinges the statement, Concerning Missionary Work in India, on the August program. On the opposite page is a map of Japan on which Morioka may readily be located. (New World Horizons is on the Preferred List of the Reading Course books.) The Statements should be clearly and distinctly made.

It is not too late to make provisions to send delegates from the Woman's Missionary Society, Girls' Guilds and Mission Bands to the Summer Conference in your area. A helpful curriculum is being arranged. The cover page of the May OUTLOOK gives dates, places and rates of the several Conferences.

"Our slackness in service is not from lack of talent or skill or time or health, it is a slackness in love." Missionaries will be present at the Conferences and re-kindle our "slackness in love." If you have never been to a Summer Missionary Conference or School you and the home folks have missed more than pen can convey. Come! Order some of your books now and be well prepared for class room work. Some of the courses offered call for these books: "Beside All Waters," Charles E. Schaeffer, 50c paper; "The End of the Beginning," A. V. Casselman, 50c paper; both ready late in June. "The Story of the American Negro," Ina C. Brown, 60c (Young People) ready in late June; "Congo Crosses," Julia L. Kellersberger, paper 50c, ready now.

July and August are good months to circulate the Christian Citizenship and Stewardship Packets among those who stay at home. What challenging material these Packets contain!—each 15c; carriage on the two, ordered at one time, 5c.

Suitable books for July reading are those listed under the heading, "Peace and International Relations," see page 7 Reading Course List. "Peace With Honour" at a new low price of $1.00 and "Victories of Peace: Stories of Friendship in Action," $1.00 cloth, 50c paper, are highly recommended.

"The Call of the Hills" suggested in the Guild Programs is 5c each and will stimulate interest in mountaineer work. A true picture of Ozark mountain life may be obtained from "Blackberry Winter," 75c—also on the Reading List.

A special paper edition of "Missionary Education for Young People" is available in limited quantities at 50c each.

New Reading Course Lists for Boys and Girls will be ready by July 1st. The List will contain a number of delightful books: "Mother's Story Box" by Mary C. Du Bois is a series of daytime and bedtime stories, $1.00; "Our Little Friends of the Netherlands," by Carpenter, 72c; "The World's Children Series" are variously priced, "Jean and Fanchon—Children of France," 80c; "Beppo and Lucia, Children of Sunny Italy," 80c; "Klaas and Jansje, Children of the Dikes," 76c; "Anton and Trini, Children of the Alpland," 76c; "Peter and Nancy in Africa," 85c.

Those residing in the area of the Eastern Depository order from the Woman's Missionary Society, 416 Schaff Bldg., 1505 Race St., Philadelphia, Pa. Those residing in the area of the Western Depository order from the Woman's Missionary Society, 2969 W. 25th St., Cleveland, Ohio.

The Business Woman's Missionary Circle, Salem Church, Lafayette, Indiana, elected Mrs. Arlene Schneider, 601 Park Avenue, Lafayette, President when they organized on March 27, 1936. Miss Elizabeth Feldmeyer, 1206 North 15th St., is Treasurer. We greet this Society as one of ten, the net gain of Woman's Societies reported this year.

On March 27, 1936, a Woman's Missionary Society was organized in St. Luke's Church, Jeffersonville, Indiana, by Mrs. William Bailey. The president of this group, which reported 10 charter members, is Miss Faye Weidner, 1808 North Spring Street. Miss Charlotte Gibson, 1011 East Maple St., is the Treasurer. Welcome, thrice welcome, to the first Society in the new year!

Girls' Missionary Guild

RUTH HEINMILLER, SECRETARY

San Francisco, April 17th.

My dear Guild Girls:

As I wrote before, Miss Sara Jo Schilling, Miss Rose Ziegler, my nephew Homer Huesing, and I are taking a trip to the Orient. All but Miss Ziegler drove to the Coast and saw many interesting things along the way, including a visit to the Isleta Indian Village, the Petrified Forest, Grand Canyon, and others too numerous to mention. One of our happy experiences was to attend, on Easter, the First Reformed Church in Los Angeles, where we were surprised to meet friends from Ohio, Pennsylvania and Indiana. Dr. and Mrs. Evemeyer made us feel that we knew everyone there. The service was beautiful.

When we arrived in San Francisco, where we met Miss Ziegler and from where we were to sail, we soon learned that because of a strike the boat could not dock and the shipping company was taking us by train back to Los Angeles. In spite of this irregularity we were able to go with Rev. S. Kowta, the pastor of our First Reformed Church (Japanese) in San Francisco to see some of the city and to accept a very kind invitation to dinner with a group of his young people at the Community House. How I wish all of you Guild girls could meet these Japanese friends! After dinner we sat around the fire place and chatted for quite a while. The Japanese girls are very much interested in our Girls' Missionary Guild and expressed appreciation for what the organization has done in behalf of their particular interest. I believe these girls will organize a Guild in the very near future.

As I travel, I am thinking of you often and trusting that you are making plans to do better and greater things to build a Christ-like world. Greetings to all,

RUTH HEINMILLER.

We welcome the following new Guilds:

EASTERN SYNOD

Allentown, Pa. St. Andrew's Church—organized by Mrs. Claude E. Keiser and Mrs. M. E. Hertzog with 6 charter members—President, Dorine Petri, 919 Gordon St., Allentown, Pa.; Counselor—Mrs. M. E. Hertzog.

Berwick, Pa. First Church—organized by Mrs. R. S. Vandevere with 6 charter members—President, Marion Sitler, Berwick, Pa., R. D. 4; Counselor, Mrs. R. L. Peters.

POTOMAC SYNOD

Jacobus, Pa. Salem Union Church—organized by Mrs. Robert Thena with 8 charter members—President, Charlotte Darr, Jacobus, Pa.; Counselor, Mrs. Florence Innerst.

NORTHWEST SYNOD

Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Grace Church—organized by Helen M. Nott with 12 charter members—President, Gertrude Daub, 3037 N. 9th St., Milwaukee, Wis.; Counselor, Miss Sylva Baumann.

Greetings to this new Mission Band:

PITTSBURGH SYNOD

Meadville, Pa., St. Paul's Church—organized by Mrs. John Boliver with 30 charter members—President, Robert Reitze; Leader, Mrs. Wm. B. Ramsey, Saegertown, Pa., R. D. 4.

Are You a Careful Reader?

1. A new federation of E. and R. groups was effected in March in...............?
2. Who is Dung-Dung?
3. To whom do we extend deep sympathy in the loss of a beloved wife and mother?
4. What graduations are reported this month?
5. At a 50th anniversary service recently, what was the most remarkable feature?

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Allentown, Pa.

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MISS ANNIE G. REESE,
Florin, Pa.

"I have had the pleasure to enjoy this magazine for a good many years, and I feel that it is just like an old friend, which I look forward to receiving every month and therefore would not want to miss a single copy."

MISS EMELIA BEALE,
Baltimore, Md.

Witnesses from the Fields

The purpose of this dramatization is to present the scope of the Home and Foreign Missions enterprise of the Evangelical and Reformed Church. Intermediates, young people or adults may be chosen to impersonate the nine representatives. No attempt should be made to costume the impersonators but placards may be carried indicating the field represented. After each has come forward and presented his field, he takes his place at the side, the five representing foreign nations on one side and the four representing work at home on the other. For a worship service to accompany the dramatization, see the opposite page.

Representative of India—I represent the restless millions of India. The barriers of caste divide us, starvation constantly stalks us, and we are lost in the maze of ignorant superstition. But the masses who form the base of our population pyramid are beginning to stir and grope for a faith that will unite us and lead us to higher levels. Can Christianity meet our needs? We are eager to know what it has to offer.

Representative of Magyars—I represent the Magyars in America. We are grateful for the help you have given us in establishing churches when we first arrived in this country. We are proud of our European culture but even more proud to be Americans. Many of us are third generation Americans and to us life in Hungary is only a legend. We look to the day when our churches may be completely self-supporting but are grateful for your continued aid as we work toward that end.

Representative of Japan—Japan is the country I represent. America wakened us from our centuries of Medieval slumber. It is to America that we look for understanding as we strive to reconcile our Oriental heritage with our newly adopted Western ways. We have received much from you of which neither we nor you can be proud. We seek from you eagerly that which uplifts and sustains. The representatives of Christianity have contributed much to the finest in our present development. We need its continued leavening influence in these formative years of our national life.

Representative of the Winnebago—I come to you representing those true Americans, the Winnebago Indians. Long since our tribal faiths have lost their power over our lives. We have been drifters with neither physical nor spiritual anchors. Without your representatives we should have perished. We are grateful to you for your help in educating our children and contributing to the spiritual life of our people.

Representative of China—China, proud of her centuries-old history and culture, sends me as her representative. My people have been content to live on past glories. Our 400,000,000 population has been divided with no power strong enough to bring us together. Those age-old foes, poverty, ignorance, famine, superstition have constantly ravaged our land. The prod of Western contacts is slowly awakening us from our lethargy. Your Christian schools have contributed many of the leaders who are marshalling the people to new life. Christianity has only begun to fulfill its opportunities among my people.

Representative from the Ozarks—I come from the Ozark Highlands of Missouri. My people have been the victims of isolation with its attendant poverty and ignorance. Your representatives have brought to us a new life-line, re-establishing our contacts with life around us. Their program ministers to our religious, social and educational needs. Our faces reflect the gratitude that we cannot express in words.

Representative of Honduras — Honduras, the country which I represent, is a sister republic to the south. The culture of Spanish conquistadores mingles with that of Indian sun-worshippers among my people. Although most of my neighbors are nominally Roman Catholics, in reality religion among us is at low ebb. Superstition flourishes. We are grateful for the Bible which you bring and for schools where we may learn to read that we may study its message.

Japanese Representative from California—Although I may appear Japanese, I am really American. You sent your representatives first to my people in Japan. Twenty-five years ago you discovered that there are many of us needing your help here in America. Our children are as thoroughly American as yours. We thank you for the contribution you have made and continue to make in helping us find our place in American life.

Representative of Iraq—I represent Iraq, new among nations but with a history dating from the earliest period of recorded time. My land was the cradle of civilization. Much of Old Testament history transpired within the boundaries of my nation. Whereas the rest of the world has seen vast changes, my people continue the customs of Old Testament days. Christianity and Christian thought is slow to filter in but when my people do awaken, the transformation within their lives will be truly great.

Worship Service for the Church School

Prepared by Charles M. LeGalley

Theme—Expanding Fields of Service

Prelude—"This is my Father's World".

Call to Worship—Be still and know that I am God:
I will be exalted among the nations.
I will be exalted in the earth.
—Psalm 46: 10.

Hymn—"The Whole Wide World for Jesus".

Responsive Reading—Reformed Church Hymnal, Selection 67, Part I.
Alternate Scripture Reading—Psalm 72: 2-14.

Leader—Union between the Reformed Church in the United States and the Evangelical Synod of North America has brought to each group new fields of service in Home and Foreign Missions. In no case does the work of the two in Home Missions overlap in reaching foreign-speaking people and under-privileged groups in this country. In the foreign field the interest of the Reformed Church in the three fields where it has been at work is now enlarged to include the two additional fields where the Evangelical Synod has established missions. In our service this morning we shall see something of the far-flung enterprise of the Evangelical and Reformed Church in the field of missions at home and abroad.

Dramatization—"Witnesses from the Fields". (Page 192 in this issue of The Outlook of Missions.)

Hymn—"Christ for the World We Sing".
(The leader should announce the hymn before the beginning of the dramatization so that immediately following the final impersonation the school may rise and all join in singing.)

Prayer

Benediction

TWO TIMELY AND SIGNIFICANT BOOKS

Cooperation and the World Mission, by Dr. John R. Mott, Chairman of the International Missionary Council. Bound in cloth, $1.00. In this concise volume Dr. Mott, in a realistic, forward-looking and constructive manner, shares the results of his world-wide and unique observation and experience. The material contained in this work is essential for all who are intimately concerned with the spread of the Christian faith in this fateful time when the missionary movement is at a parting of the ways.

Conspectus of Cooperative Missionary Enterprises, by Mr. Charles H. Fahs, Curator of the Missionary Research Library, and Dr. Helen Davis. Paper covers, $1.25. This authoritative compendium of union mission projects is invaluable as a work of reference for missionary administrators, for officers of cooperative missionary undertakings, and for Christian workers who are contemplating the launching of joint or union enterprises.

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THEMES FOR 1936

FOREIGN MISSIONS: The New Church Facing New World Horizons.

HOME MISSIONS: Expanding Fields of Service in Home Missions.

The themes for this year's study offer a survey of the entire missionary enterprise of the united Church.

Missionary Conference at Catawba College, Salisbury, N. C.

The following summer conferences offer specialized study of the above themes as well as other courses in Christian Education. Plan now for the following dates:

Shady Side Academy, Pittsburgh, Pa.	July 6 to July 16
Catawba College, Salisbury, N. C.	July 12 to July 17
Hanover, Indiana	July 12 to July 18
Hood College, Frederick, Md.	July 18 to July 24
Ursinus College, Collegeville, Pa.	July 25 to July 31
Heidelberg College, Tiffin, Ohio	July 27 to Aug. 8
Family Week, Dunkirk, N. Y., Conference Grounds	Aug. 1 to Aug. 8
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Mission House College, Plymouth, Wis.	Aug. 10 to Aug. 16

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